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THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Declaration of Independence was written in 1776 to explain why the American colonies wanted freedom from Great Britain.

The writers believed that people should have certain rights, such as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
They also believed that governments should protect these rights.
When a government becomes unfair, people have the right to change it.

Why do you think the colonists wanted to become independent from Great Britain?

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