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# US HISTORY

## - DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE -

In 1776, the thirteen American colonies decided to separate from Great Britain. The colonists believed they were being treated unfairly by King George III and the British government. Leaders such as Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin worked together to create the Declaration of Independence.

The document explained why the colonies wanted freedom and listed the rights all people should have. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress officially approved the Declaration.

### Reading Questions

1.) Why did the colonies want independence?

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2.) Who helped create the Declaration of Independence?

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3.) What rights did the document talk about?

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4.) When was the Declaration officially approved?

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