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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Answer the question.

The first colonies in America were once claimed as British Territory. Over time, disagreements with Britain led them to determine that it was time to declare independence. In 1776, five leaders were chosen to write a document explaining why the colonies wanted to be independent. The members wrote a draft of this declaration and presented it to Congress. On July 4th, 1776, Congress adopted the document known as the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence did more than just say they wanted freedom. It explained why they wanted it and it listed the things that the colonists felt that Britain had done wrong. This document upset the British, and it later led the country into the Revolutionary War.

How did the Declaration affect the thirteen colonies?
Use text evidence to support your answer.