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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Answer each question.

The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776. It is a document saying that the thirteen American colonies were separate from England. The colonies would no longer be under British rule. The American colonies would make their own rules and be their own country. They would be the United States of America. The Declaration was written on parchment. Parchment is really thin animal skin. Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence. Today, the Declaration is in the National Archives Museum in Washington, DC.

1. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?

2. What is it?

3. What did the Declaration say?