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THE COLONIES UNITE

Before the Declaration of Independence was written, the 13 colonies were ruled by Great Britain. Many colonists became upset because they had to pay taxes without having a voice in government. They wanted fairness and freedom.

Representatives from the colonies met at the Continental Congress to discuss what to do next. They decided to declare independence from Britain. The Declaration of Independence announced that the colonies would become a new nation called the United States of America.

The document inspired people around the world who wanted freedom and equal rights.

Questions:



1. How many colonies were ruled by Great Britain?

2. Why were many colonists upset?

3. Where did representatives meet together?

4. What new country was created?

5. What did the Declaration inspire around the world?
