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THOMAS JEFFERSON'S WRITING

Thomas Jefferson was chosen to write most of the Declaration of Independence. He carefully explained the problems the colonies had with the British king. Jefferson believed people should have natural rights and the freedom to choose their government.

Other leaders helped review and improve the document before it was approved. After the Declaration was signed, the colonies began fighting for their independence in the American Revolution.

Today, the Declaration of Independence is remembered as one of the most important documents in American history.

Questions:

1. Who wrote most of the Declaration of Independence?

2. What did Jefferson believe people should have?

3. Who helped improve the document?

4. What war began after the Declaration was signed?

5. Why is the Declaration important today?