

Chapter 4 Section 3

Declaration of Independence (DOI) Assignment

50 Points

Due: Friday, October 28th

1. Please complete the DOI definition worksheet using your Chromebook to look up each word.
2. Please read the entire Declaration of Independence and Please circle or highlight the vocabulary words from the worksheet in the DOI.
3. After reading the DOI...please circle or highlight what you consider to be the most important sentence in the document.
4. Please label the 4 parts of the DOI in the left outside column of your copy of the DOI...please refer to the DOI powerpoint in google classroom to learn what the 4 parts of the DOI are.
5. Please number each of the grievances in the left hand column of the DOI.
6. On the back of your DOI vocabulary worksheet please answer the following questions:
Please Do not write out the questions, just please number them on the back of the worksheet.
 1. In paragraph 2 it states that "all men are created equal..."please define this sentence and explain if you believe that it this was true in 1776. (3-4 sentences)
 2. How many grievances are listed in the DOI?
 3. Please write out what five grievances you think are the most important?
 4. Summarize in your own words the last paragraph of the DOI (4-5 sentences)
 5. Who wrote the DOI?
7. Please staple the vocabulary worksheet to the BACK of your copy of the DOI and please hand-in at the start of class on Friday, October 28th!

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Declaration Of Independence

Name _____

Read the Declaration of Independence and highlight the words from the the handout. Use the dictionary to write a definition for each.

1 Unalienable rights

2 Prudence

3 usurpations

4 Despotism

5 Tyranny

6 Assent

7 tenure

8 legislature

9 jurisdiction

10 Quartering

11 Redress

12 brethren

13 magnanimity

14 conjured

15 disavow

16 acquiesce

17 rectitude

The Declaration of **INDEPENDENCE**

In Congress, July 4, 1776

THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF THE THIRTEEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasions from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us in time of peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitutions, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts, of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offenses:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments;

For suspending our own Legislature, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection, and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burned our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes, and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free People.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of Justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved, and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

JOHN HANCOCK

President of the Continental Congress 1775-1777

NEW HAMPSHIRE	NEW JERSEY	PENNSYLVANIA
Josiah Bartlett	Richard Stockton	Robert Morris
William Whipple	John Witherspoon	Benjamin Rush
Matthew Thornton	Francis Hopkinson	Benjamin Franklin
MASSACHUSETTS BAY	John Hart	John Morton
Samuel Adams	Abraham Clark	George Clymer
John Adams	DELAWARE	James Smith
Robert Treat Paine	Caesar Rodney	George Taylor
Elbridge Gerry	George Read	James Wilson
RHODE ISLAND	Thomas McKean	George Ross
Stephen Hopkins	MARYLAND	NORTH CAROLINA
William Ellery	Samuel Chase	William Hooper
CONNECTICUT	William Paca	Joseph Hewes
Roger Sherman	Thomas Stone	John Penn
Samuel Huntington	Charles Carroll	SOUTH CAROLINA
William Williams	of Carrollton	Edward Rutledge
Oliver Wolcott	VIRGINIA	Thomas Heyward, Jr.
NEW YORK	George Wythe	Thomas Lynch, Jr.
William Floyd	Richard Henry Lee	Arthur Middleton
Philip Livingston	Thomas Jefferson	GEORGIA
Francis Lewis	Benjamin Harrison	Button Gwinnett
Lewis Morris	Thomas Nelson, Jr.	Lyman Hall
	Francis Lightfoot Lee	George Walton
	Carter Braxton	