

## **Declaration of Independence: Primary Sources Answer Form**

The answers below are just suggested answers. Many answers may be accepted as long as the reasoning is explained and supported.

### **Declaration Analysis Form**

1. Date: July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776
2. Authors: Thomas Jefferson and the signers listed
3. Organized with an introduction, a list of basic rights, charges against the king, response to the king, and a definition of what independence means for them, list of the signers.
4. list any four signers
5. answers may vary: all the colonies, the king, England, loyalists, other countries.
6. answers may vary: may list the basic rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness
7. any answers under charges against the king: colonists couldn't make laws, limited representation, hard to assemble to have meetings, couldn't move west, couldn't choose judges, kept British soldiers in the colonies, taxed without representation, the king hired German soldiers, the king didn't listen to them
8. The colonist petitioned the king and he acted like a tyrant.
9. answers may vary
10. answers may vary

### **The Repeal: Political Cartoon**

1. skeleton heads, dog peeing on the leg, group of English people – Parliament, boxes, stamps from America, goods shipped for America, small casket
- 2 and 3. casket: symbol for death of stamp act, dog peeing: symbol for colonists not obeying the king.
- 3.
4. The Repeal: The end of the Stamp Act.
5. A funeral is taking place. People are crying and sad. The funeral takes place at the docks.
6. The words on the packages let us know that they are talking about the stamp act. The words in the book being carried by the first person let us know that he is carrying a bible for a funeral. The words goods now shipped for America let us know that the scene takes place in England.
7. The message could be that the end of the Stamp Act is killing the British. While they are in mourning over the death, the colonists (the dog) are still doing whatever they please.
8. answers may vary

### **Patrick Henry's Speech: "Give me Liberty or Give me Death."**

1. colonists
2. His purpose is to show people that the war has begun and there is no chance for peace. They must fight for liberty because it is as if they are enslaved. His goal is to persuade them to fight.
3. elections, liberty
4. fight
5. They will not fight alone. They will have friends fight their battles for them.
6. List the reasons people left England in the first place. List the rights taken away in the Intolerable Acts.

### **The Olive Branch Petition**

1. letter
2. July 5<sup>th</sup> 1775
3. John Dickinson and the Second Continental Congress
4. the king of England
5. The colonists tell the king that they were forced to act out due to the way his ministers treated them. They tell him they have an important union with Great Britain and together they can be powerful. They want peace.
6. To show unity
7. To show why they have fought back and to tell the king things will get worse if doesn't accept the olive branch.
8. Answers may vary
9. May ask.....Do the loyalists agree with what was written? Do the colonists really want peace? Etc.....

### **King Proclamation**

1. Capitalization of words, spelling, letter s is different, official seal, long sentences, unfamiliar words, date is written differently
2. August 23, 1775
3. The King of England
4. the subjects in the colonies (colonists)
5. bring traitors to justice: everyone must help bring them to justice
6. God Save the King: Discuss how loyalists feel or patriots.
7. answers may vary: He could talk about how this all began because he wanted to protect them from the Natives.

### **Common Sense**

1. book
2. Capitalization of words, spelling, letter s is different, long sentences, unfamiliar words, hath, ye
3. pg. 61 end of first paragraph.....independence  
unity of our strength.....  
Independence is best.
4. neutral colonists and loyalists
5. answers may vary.....It is obvious that we should be independent!
6. Many examples.....last paragraph.....our present numbers are sufficient to repel  
the force of all the world

### **The Statue Falling**

1. tall buildings, statue in the center of town, people working together to pull it down,  
other watching from window, no one trying to stop what is happening
2. destruction of royal statue
3. teamwork, happiness, strength, change, observers
4. similar to the title: destroying a statue
5. the King of England
6. There don't seem to be a lot of loyalists, so it would have to be in the New England or  
Middle Colonies. Looking at the caption, it might be New York.
7. the loyalists or the Redcoats