

Declaration of Independence Questions

1. When was the document created?
2. Why has the author written this document (it's in the first line).
3. Why is it ok for them to seek out there own path?
4. What is the purpose of the document as stated in the last line +?
5. What two things does the author believe are self-evident?
6. What are the "unalienable" rights that man possesses?
7. Why are governments created?
8. Where do the powers of government come from?
9. When is it ok for the people to rise up and replace a government?
10. To what degree must a government be in violation of the founding principles before the people act to remove it?
11. When is the right or duty of a people to overthrow their government?
12. Why then are the colonies at that time announcing their intention of severing their relationship with England?
13. Who is to blame for the suffering of the colonists?
14. How many complaints do the colonists lodge at this time against the king? (Count all of the "He" that start a paragraph)?
15. What does it mean that he has refused to assent to laws?
16. How has he treated laws passed by the governors of the colonies?
17. What does he require the people to do in order to get laws passed for the large districts of people?
18. What is his purpose in making the gathering of legislative bodies far removed from natural settings?
19. Why have the colonial legislatures been dissolved?
20. How does the refusal to allow the creation of legislative bodies hurt the rights of the people?
21. How has he tried to hamper immigration to the colonies?
22. How has he removed any semblance of judicial independence?
23. Why do the colonists dislike the idea that standing armies are in the colonies?
24. What fault do the colonists find with the troops who are among them in the colonies?
25. Why are they upset over taxes?
26. Why is putting them on trial in England for legal offenses a problem?
27. How has he interfered with the territorial integrity of some of the colonies?
28. What does it mean that he has taken away their charters?
29. What purpose does the king's use of mercenaries serve?
30. How has he made problems with the Indians worse for the colonists?
31. What have the colonists done as these problems have been presented over time?
32. What response have the colonists received from their actions in #31?
33. What adjective do they use for King Henry III's type of rule?
34. What steps have we taken beyond seeking relief from the king?
35. What response have our British brethren given?
36. Because of all of this what does the document announce for the world to know?
37. What will no longer be true moving forward?
38. What shall this collection of states then be empowered to do?
39. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?