Date: _____

Declaration of Independence Scavenger Hunt

Directions: For this activity, you will have freedom of movement within the classroom to acquire as much information as you can find in order to answer the following questions. You will have _____minutes to complete this scavenger hunt. When time has expired, please return to your seat for what awaits you next

Find the date that the Declaration was signed.	WHY was it necessary for the colonists to draft the declaration?
Where was the Declaration signed?	Who was John Paul Jones? What is he remembered for saying in regards to the American Revolutionary War? 1. 2.
What word at the beginning of the Declaration shows that all 13 states agreed with the Declaration?	What truths were "self-evident" 1. 2. 3.
What is the name of the first colonial constitution? What happened to it?	Where do governments get their power? Find the words that state this.
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What rights do people have when governments become destructive?	Find the words that tell how governments should be organized.
Under what conditions or during what time should governments be changed?	Who was the "despot" that the colonies were complaining about?
What was the goal of the English King for the colonies?	What problem did the King cause on the frontier with the Native American tribes?
What word shows that the colonies have put up with the wrong doings of England?	What did the colonists do before this Declaration to try to get the King to stop?
Who made up the Committee of Five?	What did the King do about taxes that colonists believed was wrong?
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What did the King do about armies that was wrong?	What did the King do that was wrong against citizens on "the high seas"?
What word tells you that the King did not listen to the complaints that the colonists stated before this Declaration?	What final words state that the colonies are going to be free from England?
Who was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence? How is his signature different than the other signatures? Why do you believe he signed the document in such a way?	What was rung to celebrate the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia?
Which American general during the Revolutionary War became a traitor and joined the British Army?	Who was the state of Pennsylvania named after?
Where was the first major battle of the American Revolutionary War?	What did Benjamin Franklin mean when he said, "Yes, we must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately"?