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Declaration of Independence

Actual day Independence declared _____

Q. What is the actual title of the Declaration of Independence?

A. The _____ Declaration of The _____
_____ of America.

Declaration of Independence
_____ – *Document*

U.S. Constitution
_____ – *Organizational Document*

The _____ and the _____ work together.

The Constitution “serves” the _____ of the Declaration.

The Constitution “_____” on the principles and _____ that are written into the charter for the United States.

- Approx 1400 words
- 400 Key words split about equally between opening and closing
- The other 1000 words appear in the middle of the Declaration and outline a “long train” of over 25 abuses of King George III over a period of about ten years

Four huge concepts in the first four sentences of the Declaration:

1. _____
2. Self-evident _____
3. Purpose of _____
4. _____ of government

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“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.”

What is the significance of the fact that we are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights?

- Rights bestowed from _____
- Rights that cannot be _____
- Rights that cannot be taken away by any other person

“That to _____ these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the _____ 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 _____ - _____; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.”