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Lesson 6

We have been patient, suffering a long time without complaining. Now it is our duty to make changes. This King of Great Britain is King George III. He is our present ruler, and he wants to become even stronger. He has already tried to rule us completely, without listening to what our American leaders have to say. And we have proof of such evils. Here are the facts for the whole world to see:

The King has gone a little crazy. He has refused to sign laws that our leaders have written. These are pretty important laws.

The King has taken control of the Judges in our court system. Judges cannot be fair if someone else is controlling their jobs and how much money they make.

The King has also ignored the laws of our American government. He has created his own set of laws and now feels that he has a right to force us to give food and shelter to British soldiers, stop us from trading with the rest of the world, and has set up too many taxes for us that we have no choice in paying. He also wants to punish people without a fair trial and jury.

The King took our ships, and has burned our villages and killed many people.

The King has carried out several acts of war.

The King has also caused a rift between slaves and their owners and has made the slaves angry and violent. He is also trying to convince the Indians to go to war against the colonists.

The King is not a fair man.

Through all of these unfair acts that have been placed upon us we have made a great effort to tell the King how we feel. We wanted to resolve this peacefully but it has only escalated. A King that does not rule fairly should not be able to rule. We have continued to warn our friends and family still living in England and still, it has done nothing.

We, as representatives of the United States of America want God to judge our acts. We declare today that Great Britain will no longer be a ruler over us and that we should be free and independent states. We will have the power to build our own government and all the powers that come with government. We will put our trust in God and will be united in this Declaration of Independence.

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- See more at: <http://www.independencedayfun.com/267/the-declaration-of-independence-in-modern-english/#sthash.P0xXn1Zj.dpuf>

This is the way it has been for US and now it is time for US to change our government. The King of has a history of hurting US and taking advantage of US. We give you these Facts to prove our case to the world.

1. He has refused to agree to laws that will be good for the people.
2. He has not allowed US to take care of important issues without his consent, but then never gives his consent to these issues.
3. He will not allow US to be represented in the government.
4. He has meetings with the Local representatives in far away, uncomfortable places away from the public records to make them so tired they will agree to anything.
5. He has fired our local representatives whenever they stand up to him for taking away our rights.
6. He does not allow the representatives to be replaced leaving the people in danger and fight with themselves.
7. He is trying to keep our populations from growing, not allowing new people to come here and making it harder to get land.
8. He has not allowed US to form local courts or judges.
9. He controls the judges and their pay.
10. He has made up many new offices to harass and tax US.
11. He keeps his soldiers here even though we are at peace.
12. He, not the people controls the military on our lands.
13. He along with others forces US to do things we don't agree with and our against our laws...
14. For Forceing US to keep his soldiers in our homes.
15. For having fake trials to protects his soldiers from being punished for murders they commit.
16. For cutting US off from trading with the rest of the world.
17. For taxing us without our consent.
18. For punishing Us without a fair Trial.
19. For taking us to far way places to be put on trial for made up crimes.

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20. For throwing out all the English laws from a neighbor Province, taking over more land, making it an example of what he wants to do to US.
21. For getting rid of all the local laws we have established for ourselves.
22. For getting rid of our local governments and saying the have all the power to decide what is good for US .
23. He has said he will no longer protect us and makes war against US.
24. He has stolen from our oceans and lands, burnt our towns and ruined the lives of our people.
25. He is sending large armies of foreign soldiers to finish destroying US. With Cruelty and deceit totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.
26. He has captured our own people on the oceans and forced them to fight against US our kill themselves.
27. He has drafted Indians to fight against US.

We have asked nicely for him to change or fix these problems but all he does he add more problems for us. He is called a Prince but he acts like a tyrant. He is unfit to rule over free people.

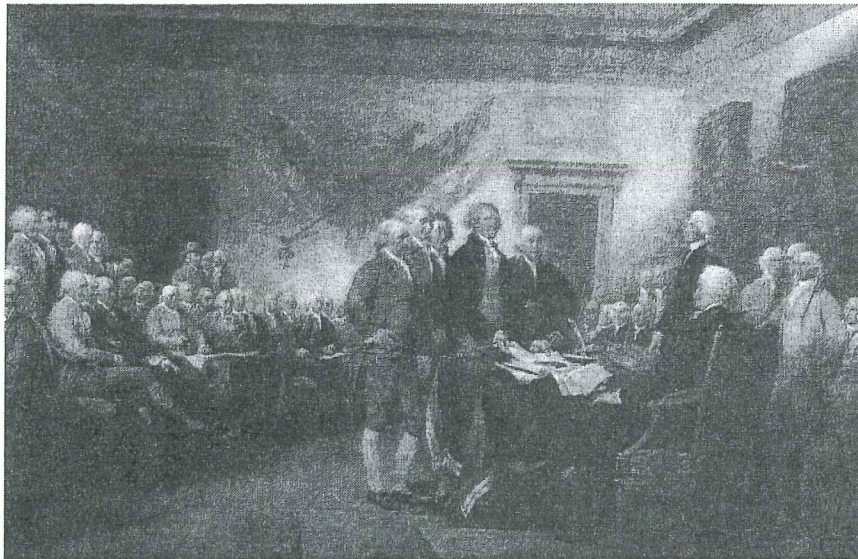
Even are own people in England have ignored our problems.

So we make this Declaration to separate ourselves from England. We claim all the rights that any free country has.

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GRIEVANCES:

In 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...

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.

The second part of the Declaration listed grievances that the colonists had against the king of England. There will be 10 grievances listed below from this Declaration; we would like you to restate the grievances in your own words.

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- ❖ The Grievances must be restated
 - Do not directly copy each grievance = put them into your words
- ❖ Use *Lesson 6* or the notes *Declaration of the independence* to help you understand what the grievances might mean
- ❖ Write your answers in constructed responses

1. **“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.”**

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

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

4. **“He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.”**

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5. **“For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:”**

 6. **“For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:”**

 7. **“For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:”**

 8. **“For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:”**

 9. **“For suspending our own Legislatures and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.”**

 10. **“He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to completed the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.”**

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Weekly Writing

The second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence begins by stating, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal . . ." Do you think that this principle still holds true today? Are 'all men created equal'? Be sure to include at least THREE examples in your answer and to EXPLAIN each example.

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Vocabulary

As you go across the week, collect vocabulary words that are new to you. These words can come from anywhere, the news, your reading, or any class you are taking. Write down the word, the part of speech, and the definition. Dictionary.com is a great place to find the definitions.

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