

Declaration of Independence
1776 - Thomas Jefferson

7th

I
Preamble
(purpose of document)

II
Grievances
(Gripes)

III
Rights

Declared causes that compelled them to separate

Made meetings in unusual, far away places, making it impossible to attend

Colonists

Petition (beg)

Warn

Remind

Appeal (beg)

All men created equal

God-given rights, cannot be taken away

Unalienable

rights: life, liberty, pursuit of happiness

Dissolved representative government

King deaf to voice of justice

Standing armies in times of peace (Redcoats in Boston)

Declare these united colonies free, independent states

- Free from loyalty to GB

- dissolve political connections

Describe King's abuses, usurpations, despotism, tyranny

Quartered soldiers

Cut off trade

We have power to:

- declare war

- make peace

- make alliances

- establish trade

We must alter our government

Taxed without consent

Waged war against us.