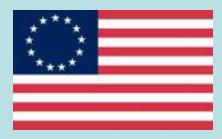
July 4, 1776 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



- The Second Continental Congress voted to declare the 13 Colonies independent of Britain on July 2, 1776
- The document was approved on <u>July 4, 1776</u>
- The Second Continental Congress met in <u>Philadelphia</u> in the Pennsylvania <u>State House</u>
- The Declaration explained why the Colonies wanted <u>independence</u> from Britain and declared a new nation.



Hi-lite:

- When was the Declaration of Independence approved?
- What did the Declaration explain?

- The Declaration of Independence is organized into five sections.
- The first section is the Preamble, also know as the Introduction

• "When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another . ."

<u>**Hi-lite</u>**: the part of the quote that says the Colonists should break from Britain.</u> Preamble

• "DISSOLVE POLITICAL BANDS . . ."

• The second part of the Declaration is a statement of human rights.

<u>**Hi-lite:</u>** the part of the quote that explains basic human rights.</u> • 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.

Statement of Human Rights

- "... endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights ..."
- "Life . . ."
- "Liberty . . ."
- "Pursuit of Happiness . . ."
- "Consent of the Governed . . ."

The third part of the Declaration is a statement of charges, or complaints, against the king.

<u>**Hi-lite:</u>** the part of The quote that complains About taxation without representation</u> • "For quartering large bodies of troops among us.

• For imposing taxes on us without our consent.

• For taking away our charters . . .altering the forms of our governments."

- The fourth part of the Declaration is about the English government's failure to answer the Colonist's complaints.
- "Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. [rejection, insult]"

• The fifth part of the Declaration is a statement of independence and the naming of the new nation: The United States of America.

<u>**Hi-lite</u>**: the part of the quote that is the Declaration of Independence.</u> • "We, therefore, the representatives of the united States of America. . . solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be Free and Independent States.



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<u>Rhode Island</u> Stephen Hopkins William Ellery

<u>New York</u> Lewis Morris Philip Livingston Francis Lewis William Floyd

<u>Georgia</u> Button Gwinnett Lyman Hall George Walton <u>Virginia</u> Richard Henry Lee Francis Lightfoot Lee Carter Braxton Benjamin Harrison Thomas Jefferson George Wythe Thomas Nelson, Jr.

North Carolina William Hooper John Penn Joseph Hewes

<u>South Carolina</u> Edward Rutledge Arthur Middleton Thomas Lynch, Jr. Thomas Heyward, Jr.

<u>New Jersey</u> Abraham Clark John Hart Francis Hopkinson Richard Stockton John Witherspoon

<u>Connecticut</u> Samuel Huntington Roger Sherman William Williams Oliver Wolcott

<u>Maryland</u> Charles Carroll Samuel Chase Thomas Stone William Paca

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