

## Declaration of Independence

*Background Information:* The Declaration of Independence was written in 1776 by Thomas Jefferson. It is one of the most important documents in American History. The document declared the colonists' independence from Great Britain and established essential ideals upon which the United States founded.

*Directions:* **Circle** three words in the following quote and *explain* why you think that word is important to the American Dream.

*"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."*

1. I chose \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

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2. I chose \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

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3. I chose \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

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**Answer the following questions:**

4. What groups do you think are excluded from this document? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Based on your answers, what claim(s) can you make from this quote?

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