



The Declaration of Independence

Say What?

Learning about the Declaration of Independence can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five new words in this book you have never seen or heard before. Find out what they mean by checking the glossary or using a dictionary. Write the meaning in your own words. Then use each word in your own new sentence.



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Another View

Find another book or Web site with information about the Declaration of Independence. Compare what you learn in this new source to what you have learned in this book. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting its point of view with that of this book's point of view. Be sure to answer these questions: What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?



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Take a Stand

This book discusses the fight between the British and the American colonists over taxes. If you were an American colonist, how would you have reacted? Do you think the colonists did the right or wrong thing? Write a short essay detailing your opinion. Provide reasons for your opinion and facts and details to support those reasons.



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about the Declaration of Independence? Do you want to learn more about the patriots who wrote it? Write down one or two questions that can guide you in doing research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about the Declaration that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.