

The Declaration of Independence was a bold announcement that people have a right to a government of their own choice. With this important document, the 13 North American colonies announced their separation from Great Britain on July 4, 1776.

Look at a copy of the Declaration of Independence to find the exact words to write in the blanks below. Shown here are only portions of the document.

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## Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies in Congress, July 4, 1776. The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Declaration of the thirteen (2) \_\_\_\_\_ States of America:

When in the Course of human events, it becomes (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for one people to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them; a decent respect to the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of mankind requires that they should declare the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be (9) \_\_\_\_\_, that all men are created (10) \_\_\_\_\_, that they are endowed by their (11) \_\_\_\_\_ with certain (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Rights, that among these are Life, (13) \_\_\_\_\_, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just (14) \_\_\_\_\_ from the consent of the (15) \_\_\_\_\_. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their (17) \_\_\_\_\_ and Happiness.

... We, therefore, the (18) \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our (19) \_\_\_\_\_, do, in the Name, and by the authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and (20) \_\_\_\_\_. That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and (21) \_\_\_\_\_ States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the (22) \_\_\_\_\_.

... And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm (23) \_\_\_\_\_ on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our (24) \_\_\_\_\_, our Fortunes, and our sacred (25) \_\_\_\_\_.



Write a word or phrase from the text above that means the same as each item below.

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| a. freedom _____                             | g. excused from all loyalty to _____                                     |
| b. obvious _____                             | h. receiving their power from the permission of the ones being led _____ |
| c. change _____                              | i. moral strength of our plans _____                                     |
| d. God _____                                 | j. we together promise _____                                             |
| e. destiny _____                             |                                                                          |
| f. explain the reasons that drive them _____ |                                                                          |