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Declaration of Independence Analysis

Answer the following questions using the *Declaration of Independence* (found here: <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=2&page=transcript>).

1. What was the purpose of the *Declaration of Independence*? (Paragraph 1)

2. Identify the three natural or unalienable rights of individuals (written in the 1776 context as men) as stated in the *Declaration of Independence*? (Paragraph 2)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

What 17th Century English philosopher did these ideas come from? What was the name of his work? Summarize what it said.

3. According to the *Declaration of Independence*, from whom do governments get their power? (Paragraph 2)

4. According to the *Declaration of Independence*, what should people do when the government abuses its power? (Paragraph 2)

5. Who is the "He" referred to over and over again in Section Three?

6. List 10 of the grievances by colonist that are identified in the *Declaration of Independence*. (Hint: There are a total of twenty-eight.)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____
- h. _____
- i. _____
- j. _____

7. What is said directly to the British people at the end of Section Three?

8. What did the signers of the *Declaration of Independence* want to do?

9. What was the compact or pledge of the signers?

10. What is the main idea of each of the four sections of the Declaration of Independence?

Section One –

Section Two –

Section Three –

Section Four -