

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: KEY PHRASE ANALYSIS

Directions: Cut out these important phrases from the *Declaration of Independence*, and distribute one to each student. Have each student find their assigned phrase in the document and explain its meaning, context, and significance to the rest of the class.

**IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS IT BECOMES
NECESSARY**

DISSOLVE THE POLITICAL BANDS

THE SEPARATE AND EQUAL STATION

ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL

HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT

ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR

CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS

LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

POWERS FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED

PROVIDE NEW GUARDS FOR...FUTURE SECURITY

THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO ALTER OR ABOLISH IT

DISPOSED TO SUFFER WHILE EVILS ARE SUFFERABLE

**THEIR RIGHT...THEIR DUTY TO THROW OFF SUCH
GOVERNMENTS**

UNFIT TO BE THE RULER OF A FREE PEOPLE

APPEALING TO THE SUPREME JUDGE OF THE WORLD

SOLEMNLY PUBLISH AND DECLARE

FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES

**A FIRM RELIANCE ON THE PROTECTION OF DIVINE
PROVIDENCE**

**PLEDGE TO EACH OTHER OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES, AND
OUR SACRED HONOR**

ABSOLUTE TYRRANY OVER THESE STATES

A HISTORY OF REPEATED INJURIES AND USURPATIONS