

## **THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: KEY PHRASE ANALYSIS**

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**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**