

Declaration of Independence

Objectives:

- 1. explain WHY the Declaration of Independence was issued.
- 2. discuss the powers that were claimed by the newly formed government.

Reasons for Declaration of Ind.

- ↳ why was it written
- 1) ppl are born w/unalienable (innate) rights (cannot be taken away) of life, liberty + pursuit of happiness + the purpose of the gov = protect those rts. // If gov. doesn't protect rts, the ppl. can change or abolish gov.
  - 2) The King + Parliament have ignored colonists requests for change (grievances):
    - a) denied representation in Parliament
    - b) denied the colonies the ability to elect colonial legislators
    - c) forbidding immigration
    - d) sets the tenure for judges (term/length of office)
    - e) forced colonists to quarter troops in their home
    - f) taken away Canadian rts + cld do the same to them
    - g) has hired mercenaries to enforce laws in colonies
    - h) won't make required changes
    - i) Br. subjects in US have ignored colonists requests for change
- 3) Powers
- a) want to be free + independent of GB
  - b) United States of America as independent states have r.t. to make war
  - c) USA → make peace, make alliances, est. commerce (trade)

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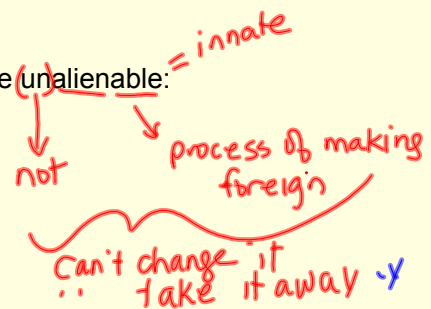
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What was the Olive Branch Petition?

What was King George III's response to the Olive Branch Petition?

Intro:

Define (un)alienable:



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BODY: Declaration of Independence  
Discussion:

1. Reasons the Declaration of Independence was issued:

- a. ppl are born w/ natural rights + the job of the gov = protect the rights. ∴ if the gov ~~is~~ protect rights, ppl have the rt to revolt [made rights = life, liberty + pursuit of happiness]
  - b. The King + Parliament have ignored requests for change
    - 1) denied colonists representation in Parliament
    - 2) denied colonists the ability to elect colonial legislatures
    - 3) ~~is~~ bidding immigration
    - 4) sets the tenure for judges length of office
    - 5) forced colonists to quarter troops in their homes
    - 6) taken away Canadians' rts
    - 7) ~~he~~ has hired mercenaries to enforce laws in colonies = ~~death~~
    - 8) ignored requests for change
    - 9) Br. subjects in for have ignored colonists' requests for support
2. Powers =
- a. to be free + independent of the Br. crown
  - b. as ind. states - have rt. to govern
- ↳ Created U.S.A ...
- c. U.S.A → declare war  
establish alliances  
engage in trade

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2. Powers claimed by the newly independent government:

Look at the signers....do you recognize anyone? Who?

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Closure:

Extra Credit Declaration of Independence recitation for a 100 on a quiz (due Friday 10/04)

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