

GALE SCAVENGER HUNT: THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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Directions: The Declaration of Independence is an important document in American history and declared our independence from British rule. Access *Gale In Context: Elementary* to answer the following questions about The Declaration of Independence.

On the home page, click **Social Studies**. Then choose **U.S. History**. Click to open the **Declaration of Independence Topic Guide**. Write your answer and cite the source for each answer.

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Before the Declaration of Independence was written, America was fighting in a war with Great Britain. Click **Keep Reading** on the Topic Guide to open the **Book Article** titled “Declaration of Independence.” What was the name of this war and why were we fighting with Great Britain?

Answer:

Source:

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From the Topic Guide click on **Magazines** and find the article titled “What made this king so angry?” How many people worked together to create the Declaration of Independence, how long did it take to write it, and what was the name of the man that wrote it?

Answer:

Source:

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After the men that created the Declaration of Independence were happy with their work, they brought it to be approved by the members of The Continental Congress. From the Topic Guide, find the **Image** titled “The Declaration of Independence.” What is the date the Declaration of Independence was approved?

Answer:

Source:

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After it was completed, the Declaration of Independence was signed by fifty-six American leaders to show they stood together against Great Britain. From the Topic Guide go to **Magazines** and find the article titled “The other signers.” Choose one of the men from the article and describe his role in the American Revolution.

Answer:

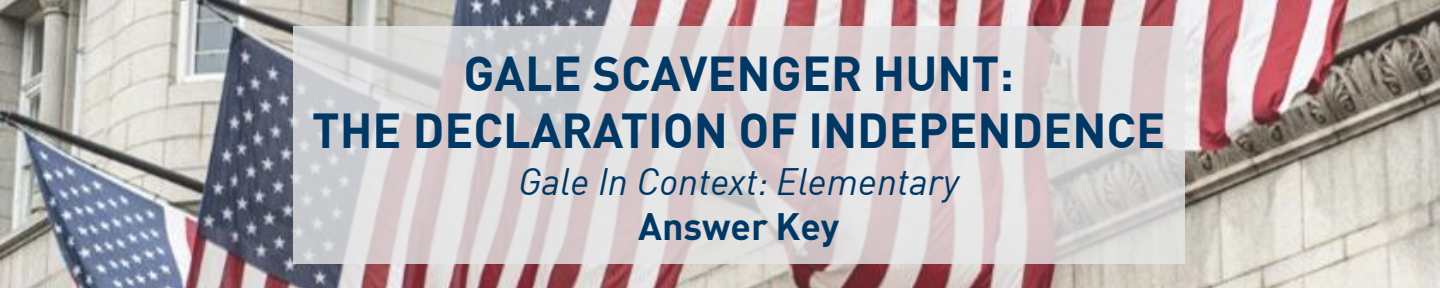
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Source:



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Answer Key

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Answer: This was the American Revolution. America was not yet a country. It was a group of colonies. It was ruled by Britain. But Americans did not like this. So they fought the war. They wanted to be independent.

Source: "Declaration of Independence." Gale Elementary Online Collection, Gale, part of Cengage Group, 2020. Gale In Context: Elementary, link.gale.com/apps/doc/ZLRFRQ065269738/ITKE?u=lbarfield&sid=bookmark-ITKE&xid=83923532. Accessed 23 July 2025.

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Answer: The leaders chose a man named Thomas Jefferson to write the Declaration with four other men. He got right to work. He wrote many drafts. He crossed words out and ripped papers up. After 17 days, he was finished. Now it was time for him to share the Declaration with the other leaders! They read it and argued about it for a few days. They made changes to it.

Source: Rainsford, Blair. "What made this king so angry?" Scholastic News/Weekly Reader Edition 2, vol. 72, no. 8, May-June 2016, pp. S1+. Gale In Context: Elementary, link.gale.com/apps/doc/A451310899/ITKE?u=lbarfield&sid=bookmark-ITKE&xid=676948fa. Accessed 23 July 2025.

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Answer: Answers vary but could include Samuel Chase, William Paca, or Thomas Stone

Source: Chorlian, Meg. “The other signers.” *Cobblestone*, vol. 23, no. 6, Sept. 2002, pp. 26+. Gale In Context: Elementary, link.gale.com/apps/doc/A95448280/ITKE?u=lbarfield&sid=bookmark-ITKE&xid=dabb7d27. Accessed 23 July 2025.:

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Answer: Custody of the Declaration was transferred to the National Archives in 1952. On September 17, 2003, the newly remodeled Rotunda was rededicated and the Declaration of Independence is once again on permanent display, beautifully preserved for future generations to feel the magic of its history.

Source: Potter, Lee Ann. “On the road with the declaration.” *Cobblestone*, vol. 26, no. 7, Oct. 2005, pp. 34+. Gale In Context: Elementary, link.gale.com/apps/doc/A139966002/ITKE?u=lbarfield&sid=bookmark-ITKE&xid=13be197f. Accessed 23 July 2025.