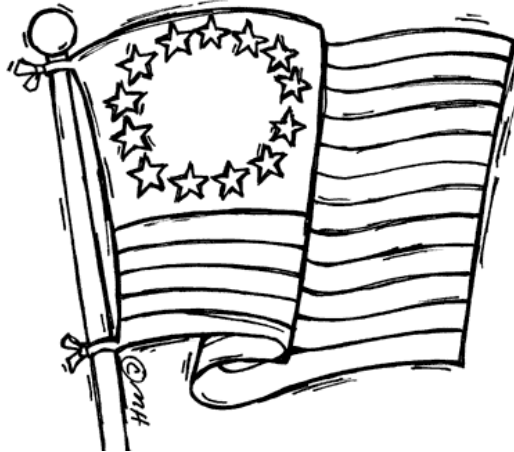


Text Dependent Questions for Declaration of Independence



Section 1 of Text:

1. Write a one-two sentence summary of paragraph one.
2. What is being announced in the first paragraph?
3. What does Jefferson mean by *political bands*?
4. What does the word *necessary* mean? Why is the word *necessary* considered one of the most important words in the introductory paragraph?
5. How does paragraph one direct readers to a favorable view of America?
6. How does the argument in the first two paragraphs advance from a trivial dispute with England to a monumental occurrence that changed the course of history?
7. What could be the rationale for labeling the Americans and the British separate people? Why was it so important to define the groups as separate people?
8. What does *self-evident* mean? Which truths in the preamble are *self-evident*? Use logic and reason to explain why these truths are self-evident.
9. Which statements found in the first two paragraphs establish the right to a revolution?

Section 2 of Text:

10. How did Jefferson justify his argument in the preamble? Explain two examples from the text.
11. Section two continuously refers to *he*. Who is the *he* to whom Jefferson refers in this section?

Section 3 of Text:

12. According to Jefferson, what attempts have the colonists made to resolve matters with the British?
13. Analyze the author's word choice in the final paragraph of the document.