

Student Activity Sheet: Investigating the Declaration of Independence

Part I – Preamble:

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

Questions:

1. According to this paragraph what is the goal of the writers?

2. Why are they writing this document?

3. Make a prediction of what will come next in the document based on what you have read in the “Preamble.”
