

The Declaration of Independence

Name _____

Use the Declaration of Independence document to fill the main points of the chart below. Per. ____ Date _____ Row ____

A. Introduction (“When in the Course...” – Why are the colonists writing this declaration?)

B. Preamble (“We hold these truths...” – What is the colonists’ statement of beliefs? (note: “Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness” falls under one belief):

1.

2.

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4.

C. Indictments – List of grievances against the king (George III) (“He has...” and “For Quartering...”)

Group the indictments or grievances into topics. There are six.

1.

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D. Denunciation (“In every stage...” and “Nor have We been wanting...” – what have been their attempts to resolve the problems, what has been the result, and how the colonies now see the British?)

1. Attempts to resolve the problems (actions, kinds of appeals):

2. Results of the attempts (actions or reaction of the British government):

3. How the colonies now view the British:

E. Conclusion – actual Declaration (“We, therefore, the Representatives...”):

F. Significance of the document: