

Lesson 1: Declaring Independence

Directions: Put the events in the sequence chart in the correct order. Number the events from 1 (earliest) to 10 (latest). Write the numbers on the blank lines before the boxes.

Thomas Paine publishes *Common Sense*.

Congress attempts to avoid war by sending a petition to King George III.

The Continental Army is formed.

George Washington agrees to command the army.

The Declaration of Independence is signed by the members of Congress.

King George wants to "put a speedy end" to the illegal rebellion in the colonies.

The Second Continental Congress is held.

Congress decides to vote for independence.

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