Name: _____

Date: _____

Subject: Social Studies

Use the words below to complete the passage about Caribbean historical experiences.

Independence	colonies	independent	European	Caribbean
National	dependent	slavery	nationhood	struggle	mother

All (1) _____ countries were at one point in their history (2) _____ of powerful (3) _____ countries. However, after a considerable (4) _____ many managed to gain their (5) _____. This means that they control their own affairs. Some countries, however, still continue to be ruled by their (6) _____ country and are referred to as (7) _____ territories. Those of us who are now (8) _____ are proud to celebrate a day as a (9) _____ holiday. This allows us to reflect on the journey of our forefathers from (10) _____ to the attainment of (11) _____.

Use the following concepts to fill the blanks in the passage.

monarchy	Commonwealth	universal adult suffrage	self-government	independence
colonial	constitution	dependent	franchise	territories	colony

Jamaica was a (1) _____ of the British (2) _____ for over three centuries; thus the country was under (3) _____ rule. This meant we did not have our own (4) _____ had to follow British rules. Before 1944, the majority of Jamaicans had no (5) _____ - that is to say, the right to vote -because they had no land. But when we attained (6) _____ _____ _____, we attained this right. We had to undergo many years of struggle before we finally gained (7) _____ from Britain in 1962. This finally gave us the right to (8) _____ We now belong to a group known as the (9) _____ nations. That is a group made up of former British (10) _____. Although many Caribbean countries are now independent, there are still some that are ruled by mother countries and therefore called (11)_____ territories.

(1) Is it a good thing to be independent or dependent?

_____

_____

(2) If so, why? _____