

Thoughts on the Declaration of Independence

Name _____

The key philosophies of the Declaration of Independence are written below. Reflect on each and write your personal reflections in the space provided. Here are some thoughts to consider for each statement:

- What does it mean exactly?
- Can you think of any historical or current day examples of these things taking place?
- Do you see these ideas in our current federal government? Local government?
- How did these ideas make the leaders accountable?
- Which rights do you consider to be unalienable?
- How does the government protect our rights?
- How do we, as citizens, give power to the government?
- How are we able to change our government if needed?



People have “certain unalienable rights” (rights that cannot be taken away) – life, liberty, pursuit of happiness.

People establish government to protect those rights.

Government derives power from the people.

People have a right and a duty to change a government that violates their rights.