

3-2 – Declaring Independence- Pages 83-85

Essential Question: *What factors made the colonies formally declare their independence from Great Britain?*

Main Idea 1:

Thomas Paine’s Common Sense led many colonists to support independence.



- _____: 47-page pamphlet written by _____, published in January 1776
- Urged _____ from _____
- Argued that _____, not _____, should make _____
- He felt _____ had a _____ right to _____ themselves.
- Argued for _____ freedom and the right to _____ self-defense
- Cried out against _____, the _____ of government _____
- Reached a wide _____, selling some _____ copies
- _____ inspired colonial _____ to _____ British _____.
- Thomas Paine’s _____ were considered _____ at the _____.
- Most of the _____ was still _____ by _____.

Declaration of Independence

- Many _____ leaders _____ with Thomas Paine’s ideas.
- It _____ them to _____ British _____.
- Ideas that _____ during the _____ and the _____ influenced the colonists’ _____ of _____.
- Colonists began to _____ political _____.
- The phrase, “_____ without _____” was _____ to the _____ cause.
 - Colonists did not wish to _____ a _____ in which they had _____ voice.
- Second _____ created a _____ in June 1776 to write a _____ declaring _____
- _____ was main author
- Jefferson felt the _____ had the _____ to _____ away from _____
 - Great Britain did not _____ the _____ of the _____.
- _____ of _____ formally _____ break with _____
- _____ on July 7, 1776



Main Idea 2:

Colonists had differing reactions to the Declaration of Independence.

Patriots

- _____ chose to fight for _____.
- About _____ to _____ percent of Americans were _____.

Loyalists

- _____, sometimes called _____, remained _____ to _____.
- Felt the _____ did _____ need _____.
- About _____ to _____ percent of Americans were _____.

Neutral

- About _____ percent of Americans remained _____.



Other Reactions to Declaration

- _____ ignored many _____.
- Did not _____ the rights of _____.
- Did not _____ the _____ of _____ Americans.
- The Declaration of Independence raised _____ about _____ because its _____ was not _____ with the practice of _____.



What about us?!?