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Answer Key

The Declaration of Independence

Read about the Declaration of Independence and answer the questions below.

The Declaration of Independence was a letter sent to the King of England from the leaders of America's thirteen colonies.

The letter told the King that the colonies were now independent, meaning they no longer belonged to England. The letter was written by a man named Thomas Jefferson and signed by the members of Congress on July 4, 1776. That is why Americans celebrate America's birthday, Independence Day, on July 4th.



Fill in the blanks below with the correct words.

The Declaration of Independence stated that the colonies no longer belonged to the King of England. In other words, the colonies were now independent.

We celebrate America's birthday on July 4th because that's the day the Declaration of Independence was signed by the members of congress.

Challenge! ★ ★ ★

Forty-six people signed the Declaration of Independence. Below are five of the most famous ones. Their names are all mixed up! Can you unscramble them?

jhno madsa John Adams

nijamneb likarnfn Benjamin Franklin

lumsae saadm Samuel Adams

honj cakocnh John Hancock

samoth serffjone Thomas Jefferson

