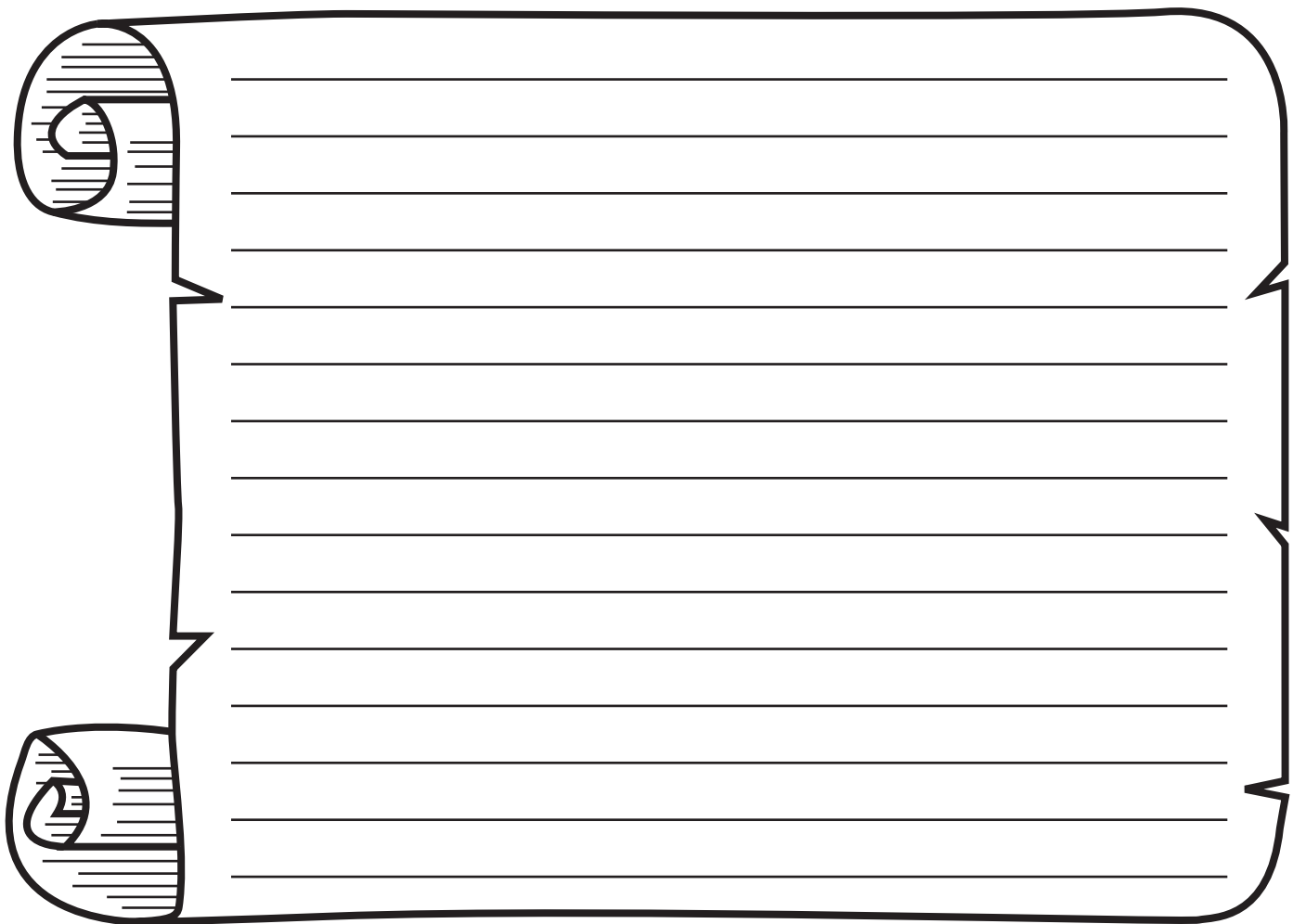


# Moving to Independence

History is full of dissatisfied people who changed the course of whole countries and continents. If Mad King George and the rest of the British Empire had tried to please their unhappy colonists – by easing taxation, for example – who knows what America would be like today. The Second Continental Congress, a meeting of delegates from all the colonies, was the first step towards an exciting, unknown and potentially dangerous future for the early revolutionaries. The creation of the Declaration of Independence was easily one of the most important moments in America’s history.

What would you write if you were responsible for creating the Declaration of Independence? Use the space below to draft your version of this infamous document. Use what you know of colonial America to address who you are speaking for and what you and your fellow colonists are dissatisfied with.

A large, hand-drawn scroll with horizontal lines for writing. The scroll is unrolled, showing a series of horizontal lines. The left side of the scroll is rolled up, and the right side has a jagged edge, suggesting it's a piece of parchment or paper. The scroll is positioned in the lower half of the page, below the text.