

A New Nation

Find the rights, complaints, and final announcement.

2.8.c "identifying key components of the Declaration of Independence."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that names three rights. Circle the one sentence that gives a complaint about the king, and write 1 beside the sentence that announces the colonies were free and independent states.

The Declaration Speaks

- ① In 1776, leaders from the thirteen colonies wrote the Declaration of Independence. This important paper told King George III and Britain that the colonies would no longer be ruled by Britain. It gave reasons for this choice.
- ② The writers said all people have rights. They named life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They believed a government should protect these rights. When a government does not do this, people can change it.
- ③ The paper also listed complaints about the king. It said he kept armies in the colonies during peacetime, without approval from colonial lawmakers. After sharing rights and complaints, the Declaration announced that the colonies were free and independent states.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What three rights did the writers name?

2 What complaint did the paper make about the king?

3 What did the Declaration announce about the colonies?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write three sentences for an imaginary club that wants to make its own choices. Name one right, tell one complaint about a leader, and state that the club will make its own choices.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that names three rights. Circle the one sentence that gives a complaint about the king, and write 1 beside the sentence that announces the colonies were free and independent states. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What three rights did the writers name?	Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
2	What complaint did the paper make about the king?	He kept armies in the colonies during peacetime without approval from colonial lawmakers.
3	What did the Declaration announce about the colonies?	The colonies were free and independent states.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Club members have the right to share ideas. Our leader will not let us vote on activities. Our club will make its own choices.

Accept the passage wording or accurate paraphrases for the questions. For Your Turn, accept three sentences that include a right, a complaint, and a statement about making the club's own choices.