

Directions: Use the Declaration of Independence to answer the following questions.

1. The Preamble to the declaration provides reasons for writing the document. What reason(s) did the Founding Fathers give for their decision to write out a declaration?
2. Section 2 of the document states the beliefs of the founding fathers. What beliefs did the Founding Fathers declare they held?
3. Section 3 of the document deals with the complaints of the founding fathers. What are a few of the complaints?
4. Are any specific events mentioned? If not, is the information given sometimes sufficient to figure out to which events the complaints refer?
5. Section four uses the word, "tyrant", what does this tell you about how Thomas Jefferson and the other founding fathers felt about the king of England?

6. Sections 4 and 5 discuss their attempts at redress of grievances. In what way(s) did the framers claim to have already tried in addressing the complaints?
7. Section 6 states that they are independent from Great Britain. As a free nation, what powers will they now have?
8. Who signed the document for New Jersey?