**Assignment #1**

**The Declaration Of Independence**

1. What is a preamble? 5 pts.

2. What does the preamble say in your own words?

7 pts.

3. The Declaration of Independence says..." that all men are created equal." If this was the feeling of the delegates at the Second Constitutional Convention, why weren't slaves freed as part of this document? 8 pts.

4. If you were asked to rename the ***Declaration of Independence***, what would your title be? Why?

15 pts.

**You earned a total of \_\_\_\_\_\_ points out of a possible 35 points.**

*What you Did Well*  *What You Can Improve*

**Assignment #2**

**The Declaration Of Independence**

1. What is a preamble? 5 pts.

2. What does the preamble say in your own words?

7 pts.

3. Do you think the American colonists had the right to complain to King George about what was happening in the colonies? Why or why not? 8 pts.

4. If you were asked to rename the ***Declaration of Independence***, what would your title be? Why?

15 pts.

**You earned a total of \_\_\_\_\_\_ points out of a possible 35 points.**

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THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

In Congress in Philadelphia, July 4, 1776

*"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness – That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, . . .*

*. . . . We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free and Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor....independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown..."*