

How the Declaration of Independence Came to Be

Use the links below to complete the notes and time line given to you at school.
View the video on the link below before you begin searching for answers.

You may want to take notes as you watch the video.

This link takes you to a You Tube video that explains how the actual document physically came about and was copied.

<http://www.thedeclarationofindependence.org/>

The following site will take you to an extensive timeline of the steps toward creating The Declaration of Independence, its creation, and the events after it became the first official document of the newly born Thirteen United States of America.

<http://www.poetpatriot.com/timeline/tmlndeclaration-independence.htm>

At the following website you will find the rough draft of the Declaration of Independence. This site will also take you to Congress's draft, a comparison of these two to the final draft, and an example of a Dunlap Broadside.

<http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/document/rough.htm>

The following link gives information on the Dunlap Broadside.

<http://virtualology.com/virtualpubliclibrary/hallofthehistoricarchives/DUNLAPBROADSIDE.COM/>

This site gives information about the engrossed (manuscript) copy of the Declaration of Independence.

<http://www.wdl.org/en/item/2705/>

Notes: A copy of the notes you received at school is included. Trim along the outside of the rectangle. At the arrows, fold the two sides to the middle. Cut along the question blocks to create flaps. Write your answers under each flap. Glue into your notebook.

Time line: A copy of the time line you received at school is included. Search for answers in the links above. Write answers on the worksheet. Trim and glue into your notebook.

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| <p>What are the five main parts of the Declaration of Independence?</p> | <p>What did the signers intend for this passage to mean?</p> <p>“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal...”</p> | <p>What did the founding fathers face when they signed this document?</p> |
| Empty space for student answers | | |
| <p>Who introduced a key resolution to dissolve all political connection with Great Britain? On what date was this done?</p> <p>Who was on the committee to draft a Declaration of Independence?</p> <p>Who was chosen to compose it?</p> | <p>On what date did Congress accept the resolution for independence?</p> <p>On what date did Congress adopt the document, The Declaration of Independence?</p> <p>Who was the first to sign it?</p> <p>When did everyone else sign it?</p> | <p>When was the document first read publicly?</p> <p>What were the Dunlap broadsides?</p> <p>How many were produced?</p> |

Declaration of Independence Time Line

1776

June 7 – Congress meets in _____

- Richard Henry Lee proposes _____

June 11 – committee appointed to _____

June 12-27 – Jefferson drafts _____

June 28 – A fair copy of the committee draft of the Declaration of Independence is read in Congress

July 1-4 – Congress debates and revises the Declaration

July 2 – Congress declares _____

July 4 – Congress adopts _____

- _____ prints the broadsides

July 5-6 – Broad­sides are dispatched to colony legislatures and printed in the Pennsylvania newspaper

July 8 – The first _____

July 19 – Congress orders the Declaration of Independence engrossed (officially inscribed) and signed by members

August 2 – Delegates begin to _____ the engrossed copy of the Declaration of Independence.

1777

January 18 – Congress, now in Maryland, orders that signed copies of the Declaration of Independence (printed by Mary Katherine Goddard) be sent to the states.