

## Declaration Excerpts Answer Key

1. equal
2. rights
3. freedom
4. government
5. people
6. people or change (Acceptable depending on sentence completion, but "people" is correct for #6. If "change" is used, teacher may guide students to revise for clarity.)

Example correct responses should show:

- Everyone is equal
- People have rights
- Rights should be protected by government

Bonus responses will vary but should show understanding that Britain was treating colonists unfairly and not protecting their rights.

### Teacher's Guide

- Preview vocabulary such as "rights," "equal," and "freedom"
- Encourage students to reread sentences after filling in a word to ensure it makes sense
- Model how context clues help them choose the correct word

### Differentiation

- Provide a reduced word bank for students who need extra support
- Allow peer assistance during the bonus writing challenge
- Offer an extension where advanced students find an additional excerpt and rewrite it in their own words

### Extension Opportunities

- Ask students to illustrate one completed sentence
- Compare the completed simplified text with the original Preamble language
- Discuss how these ideas still apply in the United States today