

Enduring Ideals Answer Key

Responses should include the following key ideas:

1. **Abolition Movement:**
Used equality and rights arguments to show slavery violated the Declaration's principles.
2. **Women's Rights Movement:**
Activists argued women deserved the same unalienable rights as men.
3. **Civil Rights Movement:**
Leaders reminded the nation of its promise of equality and pushed to end segregation and discrimination.

The responses in the second part should explain that the Declaration's ideals still guide movements for equal treatment and justice in modern society.

Teacher should check for:

- Clear connection to Declaration language
- Explanation of how each movement applied the ideals

Teacher's Guide

- Review the Preamble and key phrases before students respond
- Provide short background blurbs on each movement if needed
- Encourage students to cite Declaration language in their answers

Engagement Strategies

- Use primary source excerpts from each movement to spark discussion
- Pair-share before writing to build stronger ideas
- Conduct a class brainstorm chart of how the Declaration's ideals show up in current events

Extension Opportunities

- Students write a paragraph comparing two movements and their use of the same ideals
- Create a visual timeline showing how the Declaration's influence continued across centuries
- Research project: profile an activist who quoted or referenced the Declaration