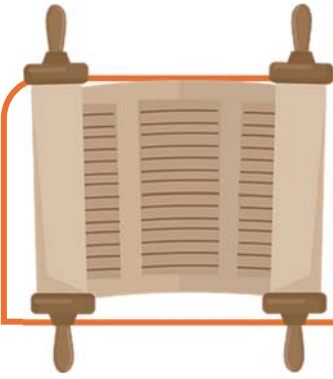


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Preamble Power

Directions: Read the simplified phrases from the Declaration of Independence's opening. Rewrite each one in your own words in the space below.

Understanding Big Ideas

1. "All people are created equal."

My Version: _____

2. "People have rights that cannot be taken away, like life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

My Version: _____

3. "Governments are created to protect those rights."

My Version: _____

4. "If a government does not protect those rights, the people can change it."

My Version: _____

Bring It Together: Write 3-4 sentences that explain what the beginning of the Declaration of Independence is trying to say in a way that kids your age would understand.

My Preamble Paraphrase:
