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Purposeful Words

Directions: Choose **one** document to compare with the Gettysburg Address: Declaration of Independence **or** Emancipation Proclamation.

Read the excerpts provided in class (or refer to your textbook/teacher handout). Then complete the chart and reflection questions.

Feature	Gettysburg Address	Declaration of Independence or Emancipation Proclamation
Main Purpose		
Audience & Occasion		
Key Ideas About Freedom		
Tone / Emotional Impact		
Historical Context (What was happening?)		

Reflection Questions: Answer in complete sentences.

1. Which document uses more emotional language? Give one example.

2. How does each document define or defend the idea of equality?

3. Which message feels more relevant to your life today? Why?
