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Freedom Framework

Directions: Read the short explanation below about the Declaration of Independence. Then, summarize the three main parts-**reasons**, **rights**, and **results**-in your own words. Use complete sentences that show understanding of each idea.

In 1776, the American colonies decided to declare independence from Great Britain. The Declaration explained **why** they were separating, describing the unfair taxes and limits on their freedoms. It also stated the **rights** all people should have-life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Finally, it announced the **result** of these beliefs: the colonies would form a new nation, free from British rule, and able to govern themselves.

Your Summary Map:

1. **Reasons:** Why did the colonies want independence?

2. **Rights:** What rights did the Declaration say people naturally have?

3. **Results:** What happened because of declaring independence?
