

Freedom Framework Answer Key

Sample Responses

- **Reasons:** The colonies wanted independence because the British government treated them unfairly and taxed them without representation.
- **Rights:** People are born with natural rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- **Results:** The colonies became a free and independent nation, no longer ruled by Britain.

Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** Helps students understand and organize the main ideas of the Declaration in a structured, simplified way.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For younger or struggling students, read the passage aloud and brainstorm keywords together before writing.
 - For advanced learners, encourage students to find one supporting quote from the Declaration for each category.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Create a "Declaration Wall" where each student posts their three-part summary on red, white, or blue paper.
 - Have students compare their summaries in pairs to find similarities and differences in interpretation.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Challenge students to write a modern version of a "Declaration" about a cause they believe in today.
 - Integrate art by asking students to illustrate the three parts as symbols (e.g., a chain breaking, a torch, a flag).