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What Independence Means

Directions: Think about what *independence* means to you in today's world. Write an essay that either argues what true independence looks like in modern life or reflects on how you personally experience and value freedom. Use clear examples, thoughtful reasoning, and a strong conclusion that ties your ideas together.

Essay Prompt: Freedom has been celebrated for centuries, but what does it really mean today? Is independence about personal choice, national pride, or something deeper? Write an essay explaining what independence means to you. You may choose one of two approaches:

1. **Argumentative Essay** - Defend a position about what independence should mean in today's society.
2. **Reflective Essay** - Describe a personal experience, belief, or realization that helped you understand the meaning of independence.

Be sure to include:

- A clear **introduction** with your main idea.
- **Supporting paragraphs** with examples, evidence, or reflection.
- A strong **conclusion** that summarizes your message about independence.
