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Directions:

As a class we will read through these quotes (primary source) from the Declaration of Independence.

Part 1: Text

2) Define the boxed words in the margins. (minimum of 4)

3) Answer the questions and highlight your evidence in the quotations

4) Create a new creative title to each section

Declaration of Independence

(Breakdown)

1. **Preamble:** _____

- a. "it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another"
- b. "should declare the causes which impel them to the separation"

Q: What is the purpose of this sections:

2. **Declaration of Natural Rights** _____

- a. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."
- b. "to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed"
- c. "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government,"

Q: What is the purpose of this sections:

3. **List of Grievances** _____

- a. "The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establish-ment of an absolute Tyranny over these States" The rest goes into more examples and evidence of such "tyrannical" actions
 - i. British army in the colonies
 - ii. Cutting off trade
 - iii. "For imposing taxes on us without our Consent"=no taxation without representation

Q: What is the purpose of this sections:

4. **Resolution of Independence by the United States** _____

- a. "these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies (States) are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States;"
- b. "that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown,...and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do."

Q: What is the purpose of this sections:

Definitions: