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# The Declaration - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. When the colonists said they were going to **dissolve** their political bands with Britain, they meant that they were going to \_\_\_\_\_ these bands.

- ☒ A. end
- B. strengthen
- C. declare
- D. make sacred

2. The Declaration says that the US deserves a station that is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Britain's.

- A. equal to, more powerful than
- B. separate from, more powerful than
- ☒ C. separate from, equal to
- D. separate from, unequal to

3. Which of the following is a truth that the Declaration holds to be **self-evident**?

- A. The only god is the Judeo-Christian god.
- B. God and nature should be merged as one.
- C. The government grants unalienable rights to the people.
- ☒ D. All men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights.

4. According to the Declaration, from where does the government get its power?

- A. the military
- ☒ B. the will of the people
- C. god
- D. tradition

5. Which 17th century Enlightenment philosophers inspired the ideas in the Declaration?

- ☒ A. John Locke and Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- B. Thomas Jefferson and George Washington
- C. Thomas Jefferson and King George
- D. John Locke and Thomas Jefferson

6. According to the Declaration, why did the colonists list all their reasons for breaking from Britain?

- A. The Law of Nature said that they had to.
- ☒ C. It was the right thing to do.
- B. The Declaration does not say why they did this.
- D. Britain asked for a list of reasons.

7. Thomas Jefferson was selected to write the Declaration of Independence by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Virginia's state government
- ☒ B. the Second Continental Congress
- C. John Locke and Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- D. King George

8. True or False: the Declaration of Independence actually names the new country of the United States of America.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

9. The Declaration calls **life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness** \_\_\_\_\_ rights.

- A. unforgettable
- ☒ C. unalienable
- B. unequal
- D. undissolvable

10. Even though the Declaration says, "all men are created equal," which of the following groups still fought for rights after it was written?

- A. women
- C. slaves
- B. Native Americans
- ☒ D. all of the above