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The Declaration

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

- When the colonists said they were going to **dissolve** their political bands with Britain, they meant that they were going to _____ these bands.
 - end
 - strengthen
 - declare
 - make sacred
- The Declaration says that the US deserves a station that is _____ and _____ Britain's.
 - equal to, more powerful than
 - separate from, more powerful than
 - separate from, equal to
 - separate from, unequal to
- Which of the following is a truth that the Declaration holds to be **self-evident**?
 - The only god is the Judeo-Christian god.
 - God and nature should be merged as one.
 - The government grants unalienable rights to the people.
 - All men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights.
- According to the Declaration, from where does the government get its power?
 - the military
 - the will of the people
 - god
 - tradition
- Which 17th century Enlightenment philosophers inspired the ideas in the Declaration?
 - John Locke and Jean-Jacques Rousseau
 - Thomas Jefferson and George Washington
 - Thomas Jefferson and King George
 - 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.
- B. The Declaration does not say why they did this.
- C. It was the right thing to do.
- 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
- B. unequal
- C. unalienable
- 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
- B. Native Americans
- C. slaves
- D. all of the above