

Handout B: The Path to Independence

Graphic Organizer

Directions:

First, fill in the answers to the questions below for the Declaration of Independence column. Then, fill in the date and name of each of the previous documents, working in chronological order from left to right in the top row. Next, in the spaces below, answer the following questions about each document listed.

1. What actions of the British government precipitated the publication of the document?
2. What is the purpose of the document?
3. What argument is being made in the document?
4. Who is the audience for the document?
5. If applicable, give at least two examples of a concern for natural rights or other Enlightenment ideals in this document.
6. Describe the overall tone of this document, using no more than three words.

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	Document Date and Name	Document Date and Name	Document Date and Name	Document Date and Name	Document Date and Name	July 4, 1776 Declaration of Independence
1. What actions of the British government precipitated the publication of the document?						
2. What is the purpose of the document?						
3. What argument is being made in the document?						

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	Document Date and Name	Document Date and Name	Document Date and Name	Document Date and Name	Document Date and Name	July 4, 1776 Declaration of Independence
4. Who is the audience for the document?						
5. Give at least two examples of references to natural rights, self-rule, or other Enlightenment ideals.						
6. Describe the overall tone of this document, using no more than 3 words.						