

Structure of the Declaration of Independence

Part 1: Preamble

An introduction explaining why the Declaration is being written.

Part 2: Natural Rights/Theory of Government

The colonists explain the rights of people and the role of government power.

Part 3: Grievances

A list of the colonists' complaints.

The King...
He has...

← Break up w/ England!

Part 4: Resolution of Independence

The colonists declare their independence from Britain.

#1
① For cutting off our trade w/ all parts of the world → preventing us from trading with other

② For quartering large bodies of troops among us! Forcing us to house British troops

③ For imposing taxes on us without our consent! Taxing us w/o our agreement - taxation w/o representation

#2. Answers vary - It was the official declaration of independence from Great Britain - It influenced governments worldwide (natural rights/philosophy of gov.).