**Declaration of Independence-Graphic Organizer**

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| **Chief Author of the Declaration of Independence: Thomas Jefferson** |
| **Fellow Editors of the Declaration of Independence: John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston** |
| **North Carolina signers of the Declaration of Independence: Joseph Hewes, William Hooper, John Penn** |
| **Where was document written and adopted:Independence Hall, Philadelphia**  **Adopted (when): July 4, 1776.** |

**What the Declaration said: What it means:**

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| “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are [endowed](http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-revolution/glossary#Endow) by their Creator with certain [unalienable](http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-revolution/glossary#unalienable) Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” | **Endowed (Definition)?-to give or provide**  **Unalienable (Definition)?-cannot be taken away**  **Main Idea?-Everyone is entitled to their natural rights** |
| “Governments are instituted among Men, [deriving](http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-revolution/glossary#derive) their just powers from the consent of the governed …” | **Deriving-to obtain from a source**  **Consent of the Governed (Main Idea)?-**  **The people ALLOW the government whatever power they have** |
| “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…” | **How does Democracy apply in this part?**  **The PEOPLE are allowed to control who’s in power** |
| “For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:  “For depriving us in many cases, of the benefit of Trial by Jury:  “For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:  “We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable [jurisdiction](http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-revolution/glossary#jurisdiction) over us … They too have been deaf to the voice of justice .” | **Accusations against King?**  **—Taxes on the colonies without their say**  **—-No trials by jury????**  **——British took away colonial laws**  **Colonists have spoken, but no one’s listening** |
| “We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America … publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent State.” | **Main Idea?**  **Colonies declared independence!** |