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Homework: Declaration of Independence

A. Phrases to Know. Learn these phrases from the Declaration of Independence by matching each one with its definition.

- _____ 1. Unalienable rights
- _____ 2. Pursuit of happiness
- _____ 3. Natural rights
- _____ 4. Consent of the governed
- _____ 5. Just powers
- _____ 6. Self-evident

- A. Rights people are born with
- B. Can be seen just by looking at it
- C. Permission of those under the government's rule
- D. Rights that cannot be taken away
- E. Trying to find joy and contentment
- F. Powers that are fair



C. Fill In the Blank. One of the most famous parts of the Declaration of Independence is written below. Use words from the word bank to complete it. HINT: Look for combinations of words you defined in the matching activity!

consent **life** **evident** **happiness** **people**
powers **abolish** **liberty** **equal** **rights**

We hold these truths to be self-_____, that all men are created _____, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable _____, that among these are _____, _____, and the pursuit of _____.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just _____ from the _____ of the governed,

That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the _____ to alter or _____ it

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Primary and Secondary Source

The American Revolution

Directions: Read the following statements. Use the statements and your knowledge of U.S. history to answer the multiple choice questions that follow.

Speaker A:	We Americans have been under the British boot for too long. I say we should kick the British out of America. It's time for us to rule ourselves.
Speaker B:	The British army is too strong. We will never be able to beat them. We should obey our king and pay our taxes.
Speaker C:	I'm for independence from British rule, but if my husband went to war, I could never harvest our crops by myself, and we would suffer.
Speaker D:	As governor of this colony, I believe that only the British can maintain order in these unruly American colonies.

1. What issue are all the speakers talking about?
 - a. The Great Awakening
 - b. The American Revolution
 - c. The French and Indian War
 - d. The Constitution
2. Who seems to be the most enthusiastic supporter of independence?
 - a. Speaker D
 - b. Speaker C
 - c. Speaker B
 - d. Speaker A
3. Which of the following is true of Speaker C?
 - a. She is excited about the prospect of a war with England.
 - b. She wants her husband to fight for American independence.
 - c. She believes that a war with England would be good for her family.
 - d. She is worried about how a war will affect her family.
4. Which speakers are most likely to be loyalists?
 - a. Speaker C and Speaker D
 - b. Speaker A and Speaker B
 - c. Speaker B and Speaker D
 - d. Speaker A and Speaker D

Directions: Use your knowledge of U.S. history to answer the following questions.

In a 1774 speech before the First Continental Congress, Patrick Henry declared, "I am not a Virginian, but an American."

Source: Patrick Henry, Speech to the First Continental Congress, October 14, 1774

5. What state was Patrick Henry from?
 - a. Massachusetts
 - b. New York
 - c. Pennsylvania
 - d. Virginia
6. What principle was he promoting?
 - a. That Americans should fight England because they had nothing in common with England any more.
 - b. States' Rights
 - c. That the similarities among Americans were more important than their differences
 - d. The three fifths clause