

Moving Toward Independence

Chapter 8 Lesson 2 Pages 126-129

Before You Read

Look at the illustrations and their captions and answer the following questions:

1. Which King did the colonies rebel against?
2. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
3. What date was the Declaration of Independence signed?

As You Read

1. The British ships **blockaded** all trade with the colonies. What does this mean?
2. Who did Thomas Paine criticize in his pamphlet called *Common Sense*?
3. Where did the Second Continental Congress meet, when delegates came to vote for independence?
4. What did Jefferson's *Declaration of Independence* announce to the world?
5. Fill in the missing word from the Declaration.
"Life, _____, and the pursuit of happiness."
6. The *Declaration* accused King George of tyranny. What does tyranny mean?
7. Jefferson wrote the *Declaration* to apply to which groups of people?
8. In the **Biography of Abigail Adams**, which group of Americans were not give rights in Philadelphia?

**Reading part of *The Declaration of Independence*
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Fill in the missing words in the *Declaration* from the word bank below:

abolish
equal
consent
liberty
rights

“... We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created _____, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable _____. That among these are life, _____, and the pursuit of happiness -- That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the _____ of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to _____ it, and to institute new government...”

Write in your own words what the vocabulary in the Declaration means. You may use the Glossary/Index on 347-363 to help.

equal _____

rights _____

liberty _____

consent _____

abolish _____