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Declaration of Independence, Worksheet - 1

Answer the questions below -

1. List the "Unalienable Rights".
2. According to the first paragraph, why do the writers of the Declaration feel obliged to declare the causes for separating from the English government?
3. We have certain rights. How are those rights "secured"?
4. Define "redress" The setting right of what is wrong?
5. Define "abdicated" To renounce or relinquish a throne, right, power, claim, responsibility, or the like, especially in a formal manner?
6. Write down Jefferson's completion of this sentence:
"Whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to . . ."
7. Fill in with your own words Jefferson's completion of the above sentence:
8. What is the "direct object" of the King of Great Britain and his treatment of the colonies?



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Declaration of Independence, Worksheet - 2

Answer the questions below -

1. Define "rectitude"
2. Define "formidable"
3. How many abuses by the King of Great Britain are listed in the Declaration ?
4. According to the Declaration, what have the colonists already done to try to improve their relationship with Great Britain?
5. Since those steps have not produced positive results, what are the colonists now publishing and declaring about their colonies?
6. Define "prudence" Caution with regard to practical matters.
7. Define "tyranny" Tyranny is oppression under a government.
8. List the four parts of the Declaration. Explain the purpose of each part.