

1. In the eyes of the American patriots, what rights or liberties had the British Parliament violated? Write a small summary in your own words under each on the Declaration.

2. Is each “violation” justified? If not all, which ones? Why or why not?

3. The paragraph in bold was actually edited out of the Declaration at the suggestion of the Continental Congress. What does it argue? Why do you think it was removed? What might its impact have been had it remained?

4. How might African Americans (specifically male slaves) interpret the Declaration? Why?

5. What would Abigail Adams' take be on the Declaration of Independence? Why? Use evidence from her letter.