

## Declare your Independence!!

The colonist wrote the Declaration of Independence to redress grievances. Are you tired of not being appreciated by a person, institution, or is there any other aspect in your life you would like to declare you independence from?

Ask yourself:

WHO makes the rules you don't like?

WHO decides if they are fair or not?

HOW does one get them changed?

WHAT does it mean to be independent from rules?

HOW does a group of people declare that they no longer follow the rules?

So what are you going to do about it?

Well, in hopes of effecting some change, you are going to compose a document based on your complaints to be sent to the appropriate audience.

FORMAT:

You must include all five parts of a declaration!!

1. Specify what you believe in, what truths do you hold to be self-evident? (Preamble or statement of belief)

2. Is there anything in particular the reader should notice about your complaints? Is there anything you need to keep in mind to make sure your audience understands and appreciates your complaints? What kinds of events inspired your complaints? (The list of complaints)

3. Have you already tried to make any changes in the treatment of young people? In what way? (Prior attempts to redress grievances)

4. Say in two or three sentences what it is you really want to happen? It would take time to change the system to accommodate all of your complaints. What should happen right away? (Declaration of independence)

5. Who would be willing to sign his/her name to this list of complaints even if it were going to be seen and read by many people? (The signatures)

Schedule:

You will have today in class to work on a Rough Draft. Format:

Your final copy is due in tomorrow on the brown (authentic declaration paper!)

Rubric:

All five elements

Present: 20 15 10 5 0

Legible 10 8 6 4 0

Writing is

Concise and

Meaning is clear 20 15 10 5 0

Used time wisely 15

In class

Total points: \_\_\_\_\_/65

Format for Rough Draft:

Preamble: We the student body...

Complaints: Our voices are not heard...

Redress of Grievances: We have written to the Administration requesting...

Declare Independence: Therefore...

Signatures: