



# READING #1

The Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia in 1776. Representatives (leaders) from the thirteen colonies gathered to discuss the home treatment from Great Britain.

John Adams was in favor of separating from Great Britain and convinced many other leaders to vote for independence.

A five member committee was asked to write a document explaining why they wanted to separate from England.

The Declaration of Independence is the world's biggest "break up" letter. The colonists were "breaking up" with King George.

The Declaration of Independence stated that the colonies were no longer under the control of Great Britain or King George III. A list of complaints against King George III and the British Parliament (government) were included.

Lastly, the Declaration of Independence announced the new independent country of the United States of America.

# QUESTIONS

1. Where did the Second Continental Congress meet?

- A. Philadelphia
- B. Cleveland
- C. Boston
- D. New York City

2. What is another word for Parliament?

- A. United States
- B. Complaints
- C. Government
- D. None of the above

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# CLUE #1

John Hancock had the largest signature on the Declaration of Independence...

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# READING #2

The group that wrote the Declaration of Independence included Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston and Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson is considered the main author.

The Declaration of Independence introduced a new plan of government based on liberty (freedom) and equality.

The Declaration of Independence can be broken up into four parts. Part one is the preamble, or introduction. The preamble explains why the Declaration of Independence was written. It also explains why the new nation must be formed.

The first paragraph describes the purpose of the document. When people decide to separate from the rule of a country and create a new one, then they should explain to the world why they are separating. The document told the King of England what they believed made a good government.

# QUESTIONS

## TRUE OR FALSE: CIRCLE THE ANSWER.

3. Another word for liberty is freedom.

True      False

4. The Declaration of Independence can be broken up into six parts.

True      False

5. The first paragraph describes the purpose of the document.

True      False

## CLUE #2

The number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence was...  
The date it became...  
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# FINAL CODE

Use the answers found in the completed puzzles to determine the final code!

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Puzzle #1.

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Puzzle #2.

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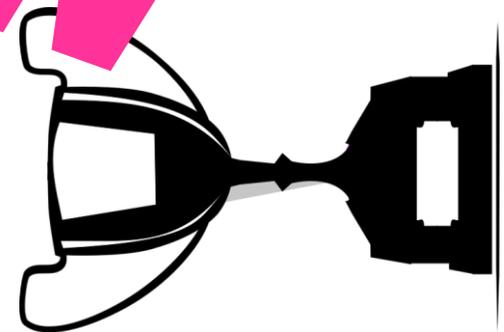
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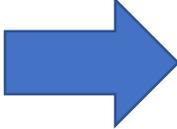


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AND THINKING  
OUTSIDE THE BOX!

# DECODER #3

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C F I  
B E H S U V  
A D G T

# DECODER #4

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1 D B E A C  
2 G H I J F  
3 L N O M  
4 T R Q S  
5 Y Z X V W