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| Questions | **Notes**Main Idea* Detail
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| What official group issued the Declaration?What was declared in the Declaration?Who wrote the Declaration?When was the Declaration issued? | **Declaration Video for Review**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yb7MI8NQLoo> **Declaring Independence*** Declaration issued by the Continental Congress
	+ Representatives from 12 colonies (Georgia supports but unable to attend)
* Declared colonies had separated from Great Britain
	+ no longer fighting for rights as British citizens
* Written by Thomas Jefferson
	+ Member of a carefully chosen “Committee of 5”
		- T. Jefferson from **Virginia**
			* First colony
			* Southern colony
		- J. Adams from **Massachusetts**
			* 2nd colony
			* Home of the Sons of Liberty
			* New England colony
		- B. Franklin from **Pennsylvania**
			* Contained one of the two cities in colonies - philadelphia
			* Middle colony
		- R. Livingston from **New York**
			* Contained one of the two major cities in the colonies - New York
		- R. Sherman from Connecticut
* Dated 4 July 1776 - day on which Congress agreed on the final version
	+ The 4th of July
	+ Independence Day
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