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| Questions | **Notes**  Main Idea   * Detail * Detail |
| 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 |