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Passage from Declaration of Independence

Students are asked to memorize this passage. The test will be simply the writing of the passage from memory on a blank sheet of paper. The passage is chosen for its statement of the basic rights of the people and the explanation of the reason governments are formed and changed. It is also chosen because it is part of the cultural repertoire.

We hold these truths to be self-evident,

that all men are created equal,

that they are endowed by their Creator

with certain unalienable Rights,

that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness;

that, to secure these rights,

Governments are instituted among Men,

deriving their just powers

from the consent of the governed;

that whenever any Form of Government

becomes destructive of these ends,

it is the Right of the People

to alter or abolish it,

and to institute new Government,

laying its foundation on such principles

and organizing its powers in such form,

as to them shall seem most likely to effect

their Safety and Happiness.

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* Errors in wording marked next to line
* Spelling -1/2
* Capitalization -1/2
* Punctuation -1/2