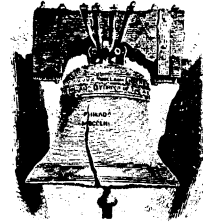


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Why Independence?



Directions: The Declaration of Independence lists the “repeated injuries and usurpations” inflicted on the colonies by the king of England. Tell specifically what each grievance listed below from the Declaration of Independence refers to.

1. He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

Event: _____

2. He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies without the consent of our legislature.

Event: _____

3. He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

- (a) For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us.

Event: _____

- (b) For protecting them, by a mock trial, from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these states.

Event: _____

- (c) For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world.

Event: _____

- (d) For depriving us in many cases of the benefits of trial by jury.

Event: _____

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- (e) For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offenses.

Event: _____

- (f) For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments.

Event: _____

- (g) For suspending our own legislature, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

Event: _____

4. He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burned our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

Event: _____

5. He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun.

Event: _____

6. He has constrained our fellow citizens taken captive on the high seas to bear arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

Event: _____

7. He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes, and conditions.

Event: _____

