

Section 4.2: Declaring Independence

Key Terms

Militia

Loyalist

Patriot

Natural Rights

Second Continental Congress

Declaration of Independence

Key People

Thomas Gage

The Five Riders

John Hancock and Sam Adams

George Washington

Thomas Paine

Thomas Jefferson

Key Ideas

What were the reasons why Thomas Gage sent troops to Lexington and Concord?

- 1.
- 2.

How many riders went out on April 19th? How many in total?

What was the “shot heard around the world?” Who fired it? What battle was it fired in?

Who were the minutemen?

Why were they called the minutemen?

For how many miles were the redcoats attacked by the minutemen?

How many colonies were in attendance for the 2nd Continental Congress?

Who assumed responsibility for the war?

Who was given command of the Continental Army?

What was the “Olive Branch Petition?”

3 reasons Loyalists wanted to stay in British Empire?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Why were Native Americans loyal to British Empire?

3 reasons Enslaved people were loyal to British Empire?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What 3 things did *Common Sense* propose in forceful, direct language?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What did Thomas Paine denounce the King and Aristocrats as?

1.

2.

On what date did Congress vote for independence?

Who drafted the Declaration of Independence?

What was its bold idea?

How does Jefferson rephrase Locke's natural rights?