*The Declaration of Independence:*

An interactive worksheet

Directions: Use the copy of the Declaration of Independence found in your textbook on pages 134-137 to answer the following questions under each section.

PREAMBLE

1. When was this document unanimously approved by the Second Continental Congress?

(a date)

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

2. Which rights do Jefferson describe as “unalienable?” (three natural rights)

3. Which phrase does Jefferson use to state where government gets its power from? Be specific!

4. When “government becomes destructive and does not protect people’s natural rights,” what does Jefferson say people have the right to do? Be specific!

LIST OF GRIEVANCES

5. What is a grievance? (Definition of side of page)

6. What specific acts are referred to in the statement, “For imposing taxes on us without our consent”? (Which tax law?)

7. In the document, “He” refers to which person? (Who are the grievances against?)

RESOLUTION FOR INDEPENDENCE

8. As “Free and Independent States,” what powers will the “new” American government have?

Be specific! (list all four) = 4 pts.

9. Which two states had the largest number of signers of the Declaration of Independence?

BONUS: Who were two signers from Westmoreland County?