The Declaration of Independence…

But not for America

**Introduction**

The American Revolution has had an impact on people across the world. People all over the world have been inspired by the ideas and events of the American Revolution. As an expert on America’s Declaration of Independence you have been hired as a consultant to help another country fighting a revolution. Your job will be to write a declaration of independence for another country seeking to replace their current government.

**Directions**

1. Study revolutions from around the world and choose one that you would like to write their declaration of Independence.
2. Fill out the research outline documenting the revolution you choose to help.
3. Write one sentence for paragraph one, and write seven sentences for paragraph two, and two sentence for the final paragraph.
4. In the middle of the American Declaration of Independence Thomas Jefferson documented twenty-eight ways the King of England violated the rights of Americans. You will document THREE ways the government is violating the rights of the people in the country you are trying to help. You will be graded on how well you prove that their rights have been violated by using principles from the American Revolution and the American Declaration of Independence.
5. Type the declaration in 12-point font, Times New Roman, 1-inch margins, and double spaced.

Individual Declaration of Independence Rubric

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| **Expectations** | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| Rewrite of the Declaration of Independence | Student shows clear understanding of the principles in every paragraph, no copying, all difficult words are clearly defined | Many principles are understood, no copying, most words are clearly defined | Some principles are understood, no copying, some difficult words are clearly defined | Few principles are understood, evidence of copying, difficult words are not clearly defined |
| Three documented violations of rights | Three clear violations of human rights and are historically accurate  | 2 clear violations of human rights and are historically accurate | One violation of human rights, historical accuracy is vague | No violations of human rights, may not have historical accuracy |
| Each violation is supported by principles from the American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence (life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness) | Each violation of rights clearly connects with a viable principle of freedom | Two violations of rights connects with a viable principle of freedom | One violation of rights connects with a principle of freedom  | No violation of rights that speaks of a principle of freedom |
| Sentence structure, mechanics, grammar, and punctuation | All sentences are wellconstructed and havevaried structure andlength. The authormakes no errors ingrammar, mechanics,and/or spelling. | Most sentences arewell constructed andhave varied structureand length. The authormakes a few errors ingrammar, mechanics,and/or spelling, butthey do not interferewith understanding. | Most sentences are wellconstructed, but theyhave a similar structureand/or length. Theauthor makes severalerrors in grammar,mechanics, and/orspelling that interferewith understanding. | Sentences soundawkward, aredistractingly repetitive,or are difficult tounderstand. The authormakes numerous errorsin grammar, mechanics,and/or spellingthat interfere withunderstanding. |