Declaration of Independence Student Worksheet

Part I: As individuals

1. On the document underline and letter (starting at the first word of the statement with the associating letter of the question), in 4 different colors, the following:

a. What is the purpose of the Declaration? (Paragraph 1)

b. What three natural or unalienable rights do men have? (Paragraph 2)

c. Governments get their power form whom? (Paragraph 2)

d. What must people do if government abuses its power? (Paragraph 2)

2. On the Declaration, number the grievances found. (Hint: there are twenty-eight)

3. Underline the “action” part of the document in a different color than you used for question 1. (last paragraph) What are the singers going to do?

4. Place brackets around the part that shows the compact or pledge of the signers. (Last paragraph)

Part II: As a group

1. Using your own words, create a list of ten grievances or causes of the American Revolution

2. Put a star nest to the three causes your group feels were the most important. At the bottom of the page justify why the group chose these causes.