


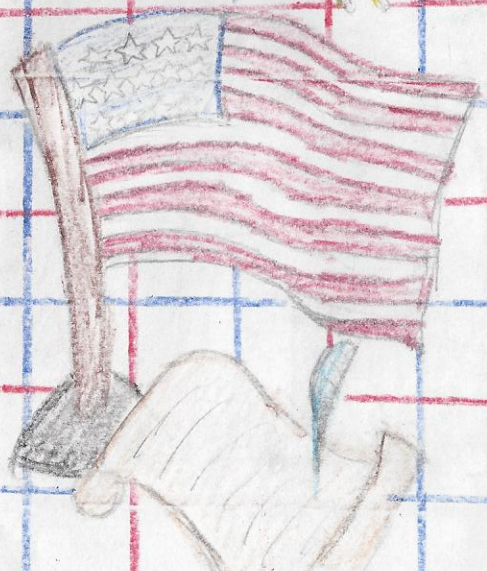
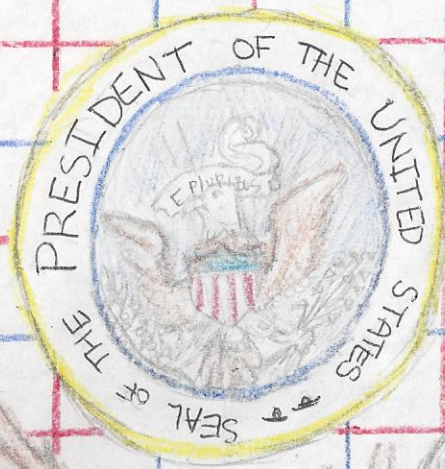
“Speak Your Mind Even Though Your Voice Shakes”

The Declaration of Independence was a voice that helped the colonists separate from Britain. Although, they knew the dangers of going against the Britain Empire, they believed in their rights and had stated in the document that everyone was born with the right to live, the right to be free, and the right to pursue happiness. No one, not even the British government was allowed to take away any of these rights. *The Declaration of Independence* reveals the colonists' minds and feelings of why they felt the need to separate from Britain and listed their complaints to the tyrant in doing so. At the end of the document, the colonists declare that they aren't part of the Britain Empire anymore, and instead, have become a new nation: the United States of America. Signed by all the delegates, this document was sent to Britain with the fearful thoughts but spoken voices of colonists.

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“Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness”

After many years of British tyranny over the thirteen colonies, our Americans ancestors finally decided it was time to step up – to stop allowing a country that resides across the Pacific Ocean, hundreds of miles away from us, to have total dominance, and their first step began with finding a way to separate from Great Britain. In other words, their first step began with establishing *The Declaration of Independence*, a document that states the thirteen colonies aren't part of the Britain Empire anymore, for they have cut all ties with them, and have become an independent nation – a nation called the United States of America.

The Declaration of Independence was created to serve two reasons: to let Britain realize their relationship as mother country and colony had disintegrated, and the important part, to list the reasons why the colonies felt the need to declare independence. The urge for separation from Great Britain all started with one basic, but major reason: King George III, the monarch of Great Britain, abused his powers as king. He prohibited colonists from moving west of the Appalachian Mountains. He executed a chain of acts that demanded ascending taxes on colonists. He quartered British troops in the colonists' homes, forcing colonists to feed and house the soldiers. He ordered British soldiers to burn down American houses, to attack American ships

at sea, and to kill colonists. He subjected colonists to a life of hardship, worry, and trouble, even though the main mission a government lives to serve is to do things for the public good, meaning they should try their best to keep their nation happy, to keep their natural rights in tack, to allow their citizens to keep their life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. It was safe to say that King George III had violated **ALL** of these rights, but the moment when *The Declaration of Independence* was written, signed, and delivered to Britain, it felt like life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness had been saved. That document protected them and recreated the meaning of “life” for the colonists. The life they wanted all came back to them within a few strokes of ink.

The Declaration of Independence reveals the importance of one thing: what “having a voice” really means. If not for this document, America would still be part of the British Empire. We might be paying high, unreasonable taxes or be forced to tend British troops, as the colonists did. But, we aren't. Our american ancestors seeked for freedom, using their thoughts and beliefs, using their voice. They listed their grievances and feelings in *The Declaration of Independence* and earned a lifetime of freedom in the end. They have taught present-day Americans to not just sit about and do nothing when someone is pushing you around, because if you stand up and fight for yourself, then let's just say, the fight you fought will all be worth it in the end.