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ANSWER KEY

- On July 4, <u>1776</u>, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Second Continental Congress.
- It declared the separation of the thirteen <u>colonies</u> from Great Britain.
- Thomas <u>Jefferson</u> wrote the first draft.
- Benjamin <u>Franklin</u> and others helped finalize it.
- The Declaration is considered the <u>founding</u> document of the United States of America.
- It states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created <u>equal</u>.
- It asserts three basic rights: <u>life</u>, <u>liberty</u>, and the pursuit of <u>happiness</u>.
- The Declaration was signed by 56 <u>delegates</u>.
- The most prominent name was that of John <u>Hancock</u>.
- We celebrate the day the Declaration of Independence was adopted as a great national <u>holiday</u>.

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