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Independence Movement Quiz

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... We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, ... — Thomas Jefferson

1.) The purpose of this statement was to

- (1) urge support for the Albany Plan of Union
- (2) provide justification for declaring independence
- (3) criticize the Articles of Confederation
- (4) advocate obedience to Great Britain

2.) The authors of the Declaration of Independence used the phrase “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” to identify

- (1) natural rights (3) States rights
- (2) legal rights (4) economic rights

3.) The Declaration of Independence contains a

- (1) proposal for reuniting the colonies and England
- (2) statement of grievances against the King of England
- (3) request for a treaty between the colonies and Spain
- (4) plan for organizing the western territories

4.) John Locke’s theory of natural rights, as reflected in the Declaration of Independence, states that

- (1) government is the source of all individual rights
- (2) power should be concentrated in the monarchy
- (3) power to govern belongs to the people
- (4) individual liberties are best protected by a strong government

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5.) This passage demonstrates that Thomas Jefferson was directly influenced by the

- (1) ideas of John Locke
- (2) goals of the Albany Plan of Union
- (3) belief in the divine right of kings
- (4) traditional separation of church and state

6.) Thomas Jefferson incorporated John Locke’s idea of the social contract theory in the Declaration of Independence because this idea

- (1) justified the overthrow of a government that denied individual liberties
- (2) considered economic rights more important than inalienable rights
- (3) supported the divine right of kings
- (4) called for a gradual change of government

7.) The social contract theory as used in the Declaration of Independence was most directly influenced by the writings of

- (1) John Locke (2) Adam Smith
- (3) Voltaire (4) Benjamin Franklin

8.) The writings of John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu are significant in United States history because they

- (1) opposed the use of slave labor in the Americas
- (2) supported the absolute right of the king to impose taxes
- (3) encouraged the formation of political parties and political machines
- (4) influenced the authors of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution