

What does the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution mean to me?

PREAMBLE TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

[The Constitution of the United States: A Transcription](#)

EXCERPT FROM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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 . . . to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed . . . it is the Right of the People . . . to institute new Government.

[Declaration of Independence: A Transcription](#)

STEP 1

PROMPT & SCRIPT WRITING: *What does the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution mean to me?* Take on the role of both a script writer and an actor to articulate your thoughts on these historic documents. Use the box below to organize your research as you analyze both documents and how they relate to you. Your finished script must contain enough information and dialogue for a three to five minute performance.

EVIDENCE COLLECTION

	PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS	EVIDENT IN MODERN SOCIETY	PERSONAL CONNECTION
Declaration of Independence			
Preamble to the U.S. Constitution			
Additional Resource			

STEP 2

GROUP REVISION & FINAL PERFORMAMANCE: In groups of no more than 3, work together to rewrite, revise, and combine each group member's script into one final script. Use the box below to organize your thoughts on each character: their background, unique traits and costume requirements, and provide a brief character analysis. As you prepare for your final group performance be sure to consider: scenery, costumes, props, character motivation, and vocal projection.

CHARACTER PROFILES

	CHARACTER 1	CHARACTER 2	CHARACTER 3
Character Background			
Unique Traits and Costume Requirements			
Character Analysis			