

Section 1 Notetaking Study Guide

Question to Think About As you read Section 1 in your textbook and take notes, keep this section focus question in mind: **Why did many colonists favor declaring independence?**

► Use these charts to record key information from the section. Also refer to the Declaration of Independence on pages 174–178 of your textbook. Some information has been filled in to get you started.

A Call for Independence		
Date	Event	Results
January 1776	Publication of <u>Common Sense</u> Description: a pamphlet by _____ explaining _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People inspired by words • <u>500,000 copies</u> distributed • _____
May 1776	Introduction of Virginia resolution to Congress Description: _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • _____ • _____

The Declaration of Independence	
Sections	Important Points to Remember
Preamble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States why the document was written: <u>to explain the need for independence</u>
Declaration of Natural Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • _____ • _____
List of Grievances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • _____ • _____
Resolution of Independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The colonists say they are free</u> • _____ • _____
Declaration written by: _____ Date approved: _____ Date signed: _____ Immediate result: _____ Lasting result: <u>People remain inspired by the notion that “all men are created equal.”</u>	

Refer to this page to answer the Chapter 6 Focus Question on page 91.