

Assigned Excerpt Analysis Handout

Directions: First, find your assigned excerpt (this is the part of the original document that is underlined). Next, in the box below your excerpt, put your assigned excerpt **in your own words**. In other words, what does this part of the original document say? *You only need to do this for your assigned excerpt.*

Excerpt 1

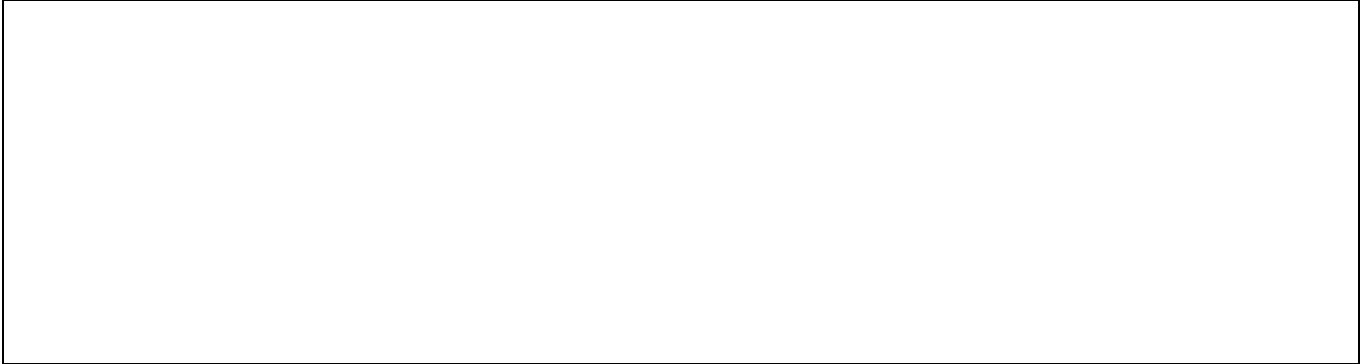
When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

Excerpt 2

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.

Excerpt 3

That to secure these rights, Govern- ments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

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Excerpt 4

That whenever any Form of Govern- ment becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government.

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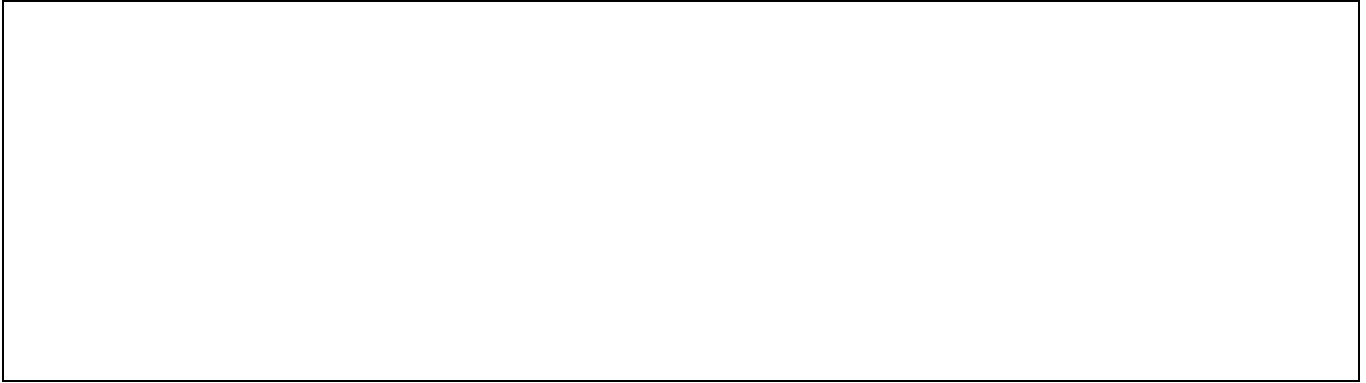
The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usur- pations, all having in direct object the establish- ment of an absolute Tyranny over these States.

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Excerpt 6

In every stage of these oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. a Prince whose character is thus

marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler.

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Excerpt 7

These united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved.

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