

Paired Text Questions

Part 1: Use the article "Virginia Declaration of Rights" to answer the following questions:

1. What are the rights declared by this document the "basis and foundation" of?
2. Virginia's Declaration of Rights is written as a list. What does it list? Support your answer with an example from the text.
3. What is the main purpose of this text?

Part 2: Use the article "Declaration of Independence" to answer the following questions:

4. Which "certain unalienable Rights" does the declaration's main author, Thomas Jefferson, say the Government is instituted to secure?
5. According to the Declaration of Independence, what does "a decent respect to the opinions of mankind" require that people do when dissolving political bands, or connections, with each other?
6. Much of the Declaration of Independence consists of a list. What does it list? Support your answer with an example from the text.

Part 3: Use the articles "Virginia Declaration of Rights" & "Declaration of Independence" to answer the following questions:

7. Compare the text structure of Virginia's Declaration of Rights with the text structure of the Declaration of Independence.
8. Do these two declarations express similar ideas about the ideal role of government? Support your answer with evidence from both texts.
9. Thomas Jefferson consulted Virginia's Declaration of Rights when he was writing the Declaration of Independence. How might Virginia's Declaration of Rights have influenced the Declaration of Independence? Support your answer with evidence from both texts.