Declaration of Independence

The main author of the Declaration of Independence is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Declaration of Independence is broken into \_\_\_\_ distinct parts.

Preamble

What is a preamble?

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.

What are key words that stand out to you?

Based on the preamble what are the Founding Fathers saying the purpose of the Declaration of Independence is?

How would you translate this line into your own words? *a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

Declaration of Natural Rights

What are some of the natural rights?

What is the purpose of this section?

List of Grievances

What are some of the grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence?

Why do you think the Founding Fathers felt it necessary to include this part?

Proclamation of New Nation

What does this part tell England?

Find a line from this section that you found particularly passionate or powerful, write it here.