**Declaring Independence Study Guide**

**Define:** Be able to define/explain what the following acts/events are and who/what the people are known for.

* Proclamation of 1763
* Sugar Act
* Stamp Act
* Townshend Acts
* Coercive (Intolerable) Acts
* Quartering Act
* Thomas Paine
* Thomas Jefferson
* militia

**Topics To Study:** Answer each question or statement in a complete sentence or list if indicated.

1. Boston Tea Party:
   1. The Sons of Liberty protested the Tea Act by acting in the event known as the Boston Tea Party. Were these actions truly about tea or was this protest about a larger issue? Be sure to explain your answer.
2. Coercive Acts:
   1. What was the reason for the passage of the Coercive “Intolerable” Acts?
   2. What were the three parts of the Coercive Acts?
3. 1st Continental Congress:
   1. What three actions did the colonial leaders at the 1st Continental Congress take?
4. Lexington and Concord:
   1. What is significant about the battles of Lexington and Concord? Who won?
5. Thomas Paine’s Common Sense:
   1. Explain 3 reasons why Thomas Paine felt the colonies should be separate from England.
6. 2nd Continental Congress:
   1. What were the actions taken by the colonial leaders at the 2nd Continental Congress?
7. Declaration of Independence:
   1. What was the purpose of the preamble in the Declaration of Independence?
   2. What rights do the colonists consider to be unalienable?
   3. Identify 3 grievances (reasons for separating from England.)
   4. What did the colonists proclaim? What were they willing to pledge (give up?)

**Written Response:** Explain why the colonists were justified in creating a new nation by describing three specific examples from the Road to Revolution that influenced them to declare their independence from Great Britain. Your ideas should be clearly detailed in one paragraph. This must be written in MLA format and use proper grammar/writing conventions.