3-2 – Declaring Independence- Pages 83-85

Essential Question: What factors made the colonies formally declare their independence from Great Britain?

Main Idea 1:
Thomas Paine’s Common Sense led many colonists to support independence.

- __________ ___________: 47-page pamphlet written by __________ ___________, published in January 1776
- Urged __________ from __________ ____________
- Argued that __________, not __________, should make __________
  - He felt __________ had a __________ right to __________ themselves.
  - Argued for __________ freedom and the right to __________ self-defense
  - Cried out against __________, the __________ of government __________
  - Reached a wide __________, selling some __________ copies
  - __________ ____________ inspired colonial __________ to __________ British __________.
- Thomas Paine’s __________ were considered __________ at the __________.
- Most of the __________ was still __________ by __________.

Declaration of Independence

- Many __________ leaders __________ with Thomas Paine’s ideas.
- It __________ them to __________ British __________.
- Ideas that __________ during the __________ and the __________ __________ influenced the colonists’ __________ of __________.
- Colonists began to __________ political __________.
  - The phrase, “_________ without __________” was __________ to the __________ cause.
  - Colonists did not wish to __________ a __________ in which they had __________ voice.
- Second __________ __________ created a __________ in June 1776 to write a __________ declaring __________
  - __________ ____________ was main author
  - Jefferson felt the __________ had the __________ to __________ away from __________ ____________.
  - Great Britain did not __________ the __________ of the __________.
  - __________ of __________ formally __________ break with __________ ____________
  - __________ on July 7, 1776
Main Idea 2:
Colonists had differing reactions to the Declaration of Independence.

Patriots
• __________ chose to fight for __________.
• About __________ to __________ percent of Americans were __________

Loyalists
• __________, sometimes called __________, remained __________ to __________.
• Felt the __________ did __________ need __________.
• About __________ to __________ percent of Americans were __________.

Neutral
• About __________ percent of Americans remained __________.

Other Reactions to Declaration
• __________ ignored many __________
• Did not __________ the rights of __________
• Did not __________ the __________ of __________ __________ Americans
• The Declaration of Independence raised __________ about __________ because its __________ was not __________ with the practice of __________.

What about us?!?