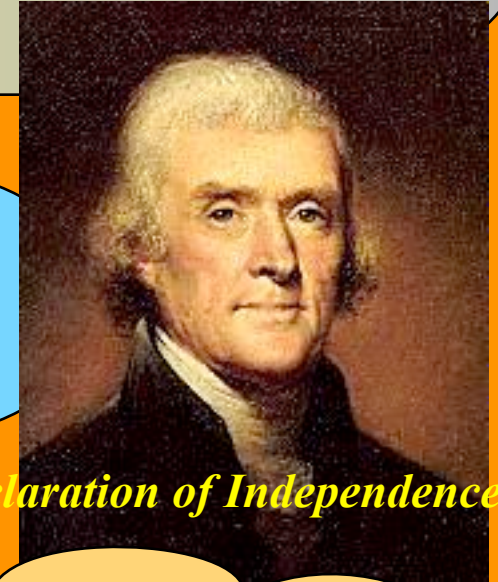


The student will demonstrate knowledge of events and issues of the Revolutionary Period by (a) analyzing how the political ideas of John Locke and those expressed in *Common Sense* helped shape the Declaration of Independence.



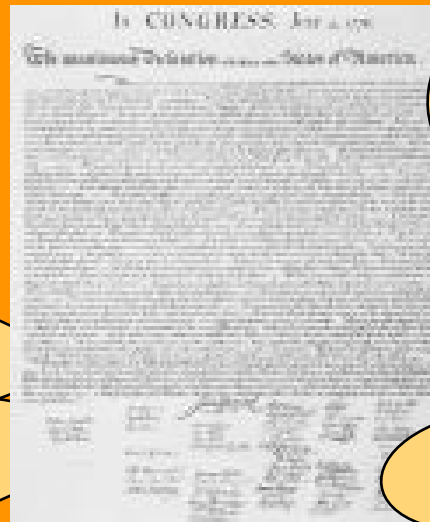
The Declaration of Independence

The American Revolution was inspired by ideas concerning **natural rights** and political authority, and its successful completion affected people and governments throughout the world for many generations.

The eventual draft of the Declaration of Independence, authored by Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, reflected the ideas of **Locke and Paine**:

*“That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the **right of the people** to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government...”*

*“That to secure **these rights**, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”*



*“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.”*

*Jefferson then went on to detail many of the grievances against the king that Paine had earlier described in **Common Sense**.*