

Objective:

Identify the three main parts of the Declaration of Independence and Explain how it establishes life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as goals for our nation.

Standard:

Civics 1.1.1 - Understands the key ideals outlined in the Declaration of Independence

Directions: *Read the following passages from the Declaration of Independence and answer the questions that follow in your DO NOW.*

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