

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL ESTABLISHING INDEPENDENCE LESSON ANSWER KEY

The Colonies Under British Rule

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Answer these Civics Test questions.

1. Why did the colonists fight the British?
 - **because of high taxes (taxation without representation)**
 - **because the British army stayed in their houses (boarding, quartering)**
 - **because they didn't have self-government**
2. There were 13 original states. Name three.
 - **New Hampshire**
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 - **Connecticut**
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The Declaration of Independence

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 - **said that the United States is free (from Great Britain)**
2. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?
 - **life**
 - **liberty**
 - **pursuit of happiness**
3. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? **(Thomas) Jefferson**
4. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted? **July 4, 1776**
5. When do we celebrate Independence Day? **July 4**

The Father of Our Country

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All Men are Created Equal

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Review—Establishing Independence

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Word Scramble:

Rearrange the letters to form the names of the 13 original states. Remember that the state names might be one word or two words.

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. eywkorn New York | 8. arinthracloon North Carolina |
| 2. awrdlaee Delaware | 9. nehhrweaspmi New Hampshire |
| 3. smusaesthtasc Massachusetts | 10. hsntcaiulroao South Carolina |
| 4. nlayrmd Maryland | 11. yeneeswjsr New Jersey |
| 5. ensradolihd Rhode Island | 12. ireaogg Georgia |
| 6. irniivga Virginia | 13. anlInnisyevpa Pennsylvania |
| 7. oenicncttcu Connecticut | |
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Civics Test Questions—Establishing Independence

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Read the test questions and write the answers. Take turns practicing them with your partner.

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