Essential Question

Why did the American colonies choose to declare independence?

Directions: As you read, complete a graphic organizer to explain why the American colonies chose to declare independence.

Colonial Leaders Emerge (pages 139-140)

Identifying

Name five of the delegates to the Second Continental Congress.

Second Continental Congress
Evaluating

How successful was George Washington in training the Continental Army? Explain your answer.

Common Sense

The Colonies Declare Independence

Summarizing

Briefly summarize the four parts of the Declaration of Independence.

Declaration of Independence (7 bullets)
**Section Wrap-Up**

Within this section of reading, where did you find value tensions between…

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**Summarizing** What grievances against King George III were included in the Declaration of Independence?

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Drawing Conclusions Why did the colonists send King George III the Olive Branch Petition?