1. In general, why was the Declaration of Independence written?

2. What basic rights, ideals or principles does the document claim individuals have?

3. According to the document, why do the colonists have the right to declare independence?

4. According to the colonists, how has the King responded to their grievances?
5. What risks did the colonists take by writing this document? Prove your answer.

6. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence? Why is this document still significant today?