The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776.

Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston were the Drafting Committee.

The main writer of the Declaration was Thomas Jefferson.

This print from the same period shows the destruction of the statue of King George III in New York City after the public reading of the Declaration of Independence to the American army, July 9, 1776.
Pennsylvania State Building in Philadelphia, later called Independence Hall. The Declaration was signed here.

The Main Idea:
“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. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

Write questions you may be asked about the Declaration of Independence. Then write the answers.

Q: When
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Q: Who ______________________________________________?
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