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1.04 Declaration of Independence

**Part 1**Answer the following questions.

1. Who helped Thomas Jefferson draft the original declaration?

1. When did delegates actually begin to sign the completed document?

1. What did General George Washington order done with his copy?

1. Why do you think he gave this order?

**Part 2**

In the Declaration of Independence Thomas Jefferson listed twenty-seven abuses committed by Great Britain's King George III against the colonies. These alleged abuses formed the main justification for independence.

Read the entire list beginning with "He has refused his Assent to Laws..." and ending with "He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us,..."

Decide which ten accusations against the king offer the strongest evidence to back up the colonists' justification for independence. Rewrite them in your own words on the following chart.

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**Part 3**

Answer the Focus Question: What was the strongest grievance against King George III in the Declaration of Independence? Explain your answer in at least 3 to 4 sentences.

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| **Enter your answer in the space below.** |
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