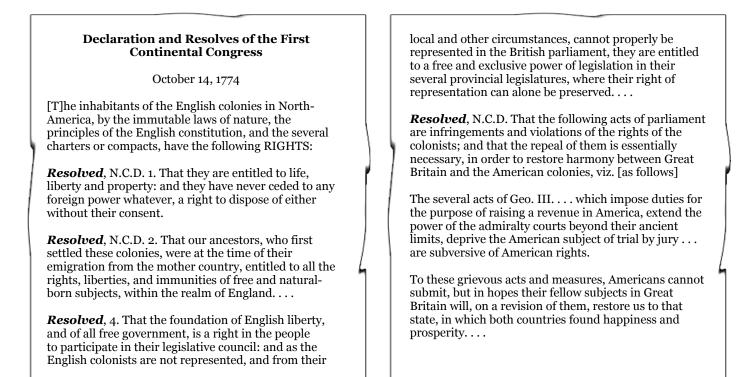
Documents: Declaration of Rights	Name:	
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Directions: Analyze the document and answer the questions.

Background: After Parliament passed the Coercive Acts (Intolerable Acts) to punish Massachusetts for the Boston Tea Party, representatives of twelve colonies met in Philadelphia for the First Continental Congress in early September 1774. The colonies were beginning to unify against Britain's growing interest in controlling the colonial governments that, in turn, meant reducing colonial rights and liberties. The Congress drafted a declaration stating their position on political matters in hopes of changing British policy in America.



Central Ideas. A central idea is the overall topic of the entire piece. Main ideas are important topics that support the central idea.

- 1. What is the central idea of the Declaration and Resolves?
 - E. King George III is depriving colonists of a right to a jury trial.
 - H. Colonial rights are being violated.
 - O. Colonists are entitled to life, liberty, and property.
 - Y. English colonists have no representation in Parliament.
- 2. What is the main idea of paragraph 4: Resolved, 4?
 - E. The colonists are entitled to life, liberty, and property.
 - H. The foundation of all free government is the right to a jury trial.
 - O. Colonists should have representation in Parliament.
 - Y. Colonists should have their own legislatures to represent them.

Words in Context. Define words based upon how they are used in the writing.

"That the foundation of English liberty, and of all free government, is a right in the people to participate in their legislative council...."

- 3. What does the word "legislative" mean as it is used in the quote above?
 - D. ruling over a people
 - I. enforcing court judgments
 - R. the ability to make laws
 - W people who work for monarchs or kings

" That the following acts of parliament are infringements and violations of the rights of the colonists...."

- 4. What does the word "infringements" mean as it is used in the quote above?
 - D. to be beneficial
 - I. to reduce or do away with
 - R. in addition to
 - W legal codes

Facts vs. Opinions.

Fact: A conclusion that can be proven true and/or is absolutely accurate to all people involved. Opinion: Belief or preference about something that cannot be proven or accepted by all people.

The colonies believe they can only be represented in their own legislatures. Britain believes that Parliament represents everyone in the British Empire.

- 5. Are the viewpoints of each side based on facts or opinions?
 - A. fact
 - N. opinion

Textual Evidence. Find evidence from the document to answer the question below. Circle all answers that apply.

- 6. What is Britain doing that is violating colonial rights?
 - E. Britain is denying colonists the right to a trial by jury.
 - H. Britain refuses to repeal the Tea Act.
 - O. The Colonists are entitled to life, liberty, and property.
 - Y. Britain is taxing the colonies for the purpose of making money.