**Declaration of Independence: Student Worksheet**

**Answer the following questions using the *Declaration of Independence*.**

**Preamble**

1.What was the purpose of the *Declaration of Independence*? (Paragraph 1)

**Declaration of Natural Rights**

2.Identify the three natural or unalienable rights of individuals. (Paragraph 2)

a.

b.

c.

3.According to the *Declaration of Independence*, from whom do governments get their power? (Paragraph 2) and why do they form governments?

4.According to the *Declaration of Independence*, what should people do when the government abuses its power? (Paragraph 2)

**List of Grievances**

5.List 5 of the grievances by colonist that are identified in the *Declaration of Independence*.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

 6. Locate 2 grievances that refers to the Proclamation of 1763

7. How did the framers claim to have already tried to address the complaints?

**Declaration of Independence**:

8. What will change in the colonies as a result of the Declaration?

**The Signatures**

9.List any signers that you recognize.

10.Why, in your opinion, did the men want to include their signatures on the document? Were there any dangers they were facing by signing their names?