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**Declaration of Independence Coded
Message Activity**

**Directions: Decipher the Code message listed below to uncover the sentences.
Place the answers directly below the Code.**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. In July 1775, prior to issuing the Declaration, the Second Continental Congress sent the 15-12-1-22-5 2-18-1-14-3-8 16-5-20-9-20-9-15-14 to George III asking him for peace.
The answer is: _____.
2. In 1776, Thomas Paine published a pamphlet entitled 3-15-13-13-15-14 19-5-14-19-5
in which he argued that Americans did not owe any loyalty to King George.
The answer is: _____.
3. The primary author of the Declaration of Independence was 20-8-15-13-1-19
10-5-6-6-5-18-19-15-14. The answer is: _____.
4. Jefferson based his arguments in the Declaration on the principle of 14-1-20-21-18-1-12
18-9-7-8-20-19, the idea that all people are born equal in God's sight and thus are all
entitled to the same basic rights.
The answer is: _____.
5. According to Jefferson, governments get their power to rule from the
3-15-14-19-5-14-20 15-6 20-8-5 7-15-22-5-18-14-5-4.
The answer is: _____.
6. According to Jefferson, King George's policies had been designed to establish "an
1-2-19-15-12-21-20-5 20-25-18-1-14-14-25" over the colonies.
The answer is: _____.
7. Because of this, the Declaration stated that the time had come for the colonies to be
"6-18-5-5 1-14-4 9-14-4-5-16-5-14-4-5-14-20" states.
The answer is: _____.
8. On July 4, 1776, the delegates signed the document, pledging to support
independence with "our 12-9-22-5-19, our 6-15-18-20-21-14-5-19, and our 19-1-3-18-5-4
8-15-14-15-18."
The answers are: _____.
9. The only state NOT to cast a ballot for independence was 14-5-23 25-15-18-11
(they abstained). The answer is: _____.
10. The Second Continental Congress met in 16-8-9-12-1-4-5-12-16-8-9-1,
16-5-14-14-19-25-12-22-1-14-9-1.
The answer is: _____.