

# Lesson 11: The Declaration of Independence

## ***Content Questions***

What events led to the American colonists writing the Declaration of Independence?

What is the structure of the Declaration of Independence?

## ***Topical Essential Question***

What injustices persist today that were not mentioned in the Declaration of Independence?

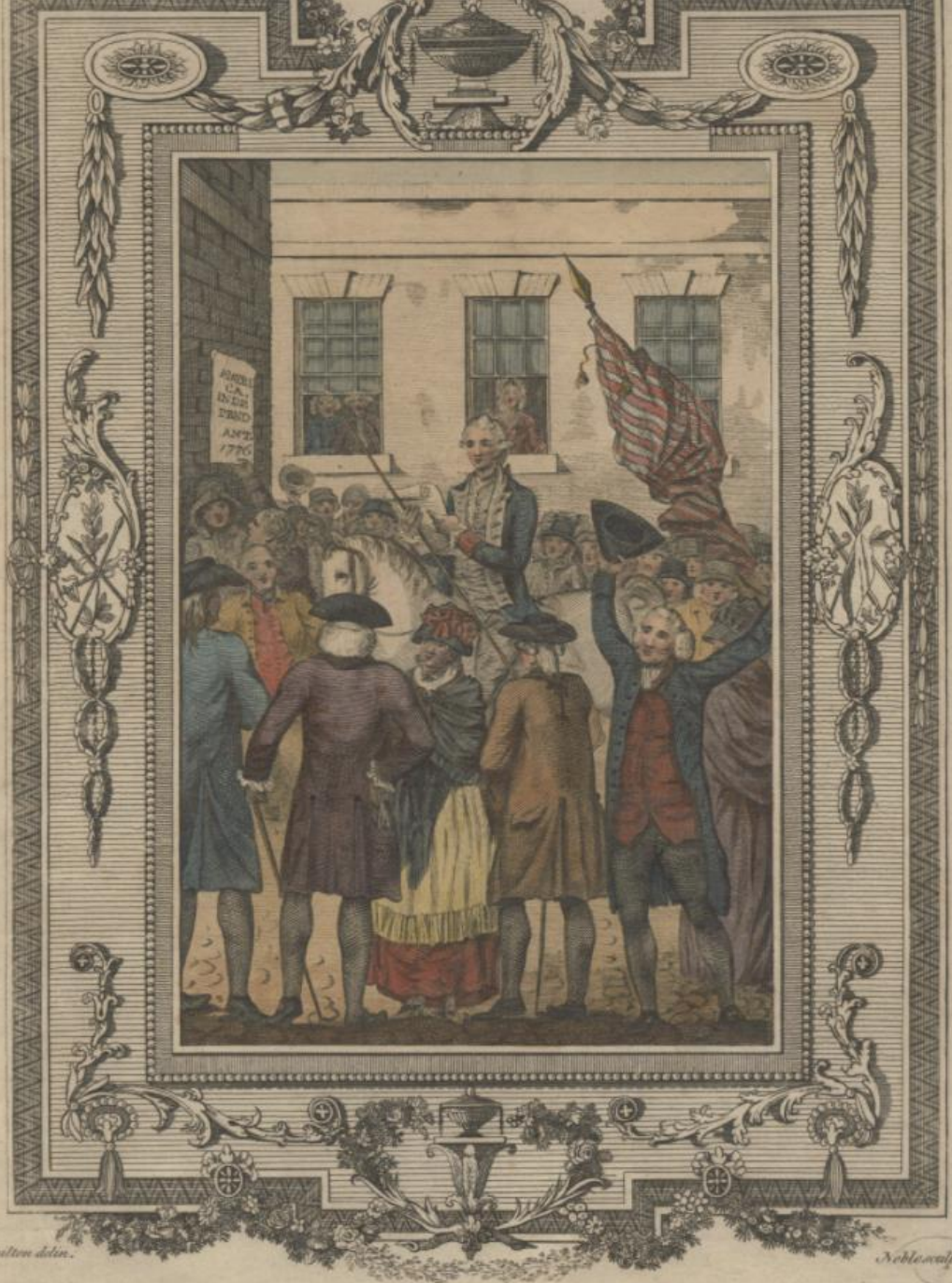
## ***Overarching Essential Question:***

What are the causes of the American Revolution?

## ***Learning Objectives***

Students will be able to explain the structure and basic intent of the American Declaration of Independence.

Students will be able to write their own modern-day Declaration of Independence to address the injustices and inequities that persist today.



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**Do Now:**

Make a list of major events that led to the American Revolution.

***Preamble: the reason for writing the Declaration.***

What was the reason the Founding Fathers gave for their decision to write the declaration?

***Statement of beliefs: the beliefs behind the document.***

What beliefs did the Founding Fathers say they had?

**List of complaints: the complaints or transgressions the prompted the declaration.**

What are some of the complaints?

**Statement of prior attempts to redress grievances: the ways the colonists previously tried to address the complaints.**

In what ways did the framers claim to have already tried to address the complaints?

***Declaration of Independence:***

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

***The signatures:***

Which signers do students recognize?

**What present day injustice do you want to address and why?**

**Preamble:** Who are you sending your complaints to? Why? What reasons do you have to write your complaints?

**Statement of Beliefs:** Why are your complaints worthwhile? Why should things be changed?

**List of Complaints:** Develop a list of complaints and address the importance of each complaint and the events that inspired each complaint.

**Prior attempts to redress grievances:** What actions have already been taken to mend this injustice? Why weren't those actions enough to eliminate the injustice?

**Declaration of Independence:** What needs to happen right away to mend the injustice?

**The Signatures:** Are you willing to sign your name to this list of complaints?

***Your Declaration:***

***Exit Slip:*** What do you think was the most critical event that was the turning point for the start of the American Revolution?