Name _____

PRIMARY SOURCE QUESTIONS

Use the excerpts on the page before to answer.

◆ HARD WORDS ◆

dissolve the political bands break the ties of government
impel push, force
endowed by their Creator given at birth by God
instituted set up, created
alter or to abolish change or get rid of
Quartering giving soldiers a place to live
depriving taking away from
in all cases whatsoever about everything
station place, position
self-evident plainly true; needs no proof
unalienable cannot be taken away
consent of the governed the agreement of the people
Standing Armies armies kept ready all the time, even in peace
mock Trial a fake trial
legislate make laws
Absolved from all Allegiance freed from all loyalty

◆ QUESTIONS ◆

1. **Read "The big ideas." Name the three rights the Declaration lists. Where does it say a government gets its power? Which writer in the Big Ideas reading said something similar?**

2. **Pick two grievances from the excerpts. For each one, name the British act or event from the readings that it complains about.**

3. **The Declaration says "all men are created equal." Use the readings to explain why these words did not match life in 1776 for many people.**

4. **What does the ending declare the colonies to be? Why were the men who signed it taking a great risk?**