

Preamble: RED (1-2 sentences)

This is your introduction where you explain what your letter (declaration) is all about...this is all about breaking up with the king.

The Right of the People to Control Their Government BLUE(1-2 sentences)

Here you will explain why it's ok for you to break away from the king. Remember Natural Rights? Yea, that's the stuff we're talking about here! Also, you should also talk about how government (King, Parliament, etc...) get their power from YOU, the people – not God. They can't abuse that power...and if they do, you can boot them right outta dodge!

Tyrannical Acts of the British King GREEN (At least 3 things that the king did)

Right here is where you get to support your breaking away – you will tell, in complete sentences, what the King has done that made you so upset...there were a lot of things that upset you as a colonist (a Patriot!)...so let 'em have it!

No Taxation Without Representation ORANGE (1 sentence explaining this)

Efforts of the Colonies to Avoid Separation: YELLOW (1 sentence)

As colonists, you didn't decide to break up right away – explain what kinds of things that you did to try and avoid this. Remember, you need to explain why this is your "last resort".

The Colonists are Declared Free and Independent: BROWN (1-2 sentences)

The big finish – you explained that people have natural rights, that governments are created to protect those rights, that when a government doesn't protect the rights you can get a new government. You gave many examples of how the King didn't protect your rights, and examples of how you have tried to compromise and prevent breaking away...nothing has worked, so therefore you need to declare yourself to be independent (free) from Great Britain!