

TASK COMPLETION SHEET

Directions: As you complete each task, color the icons found below. When all boxes have been colored, you have completed each task successfully.

TASK 1

Fill in the blank



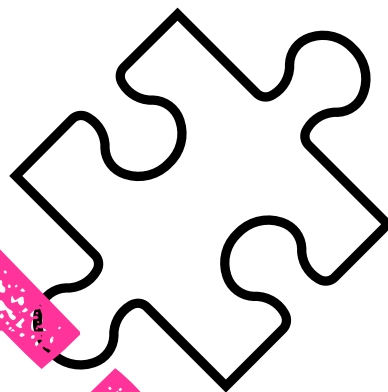
TASK 2

Vocabulary



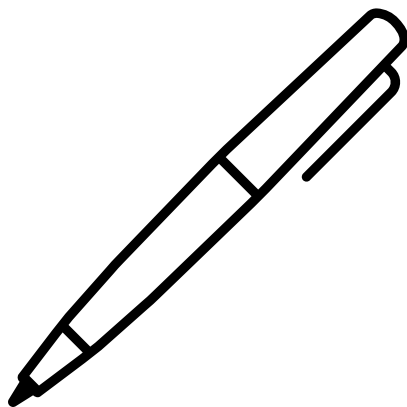
TASK 3

Crossword



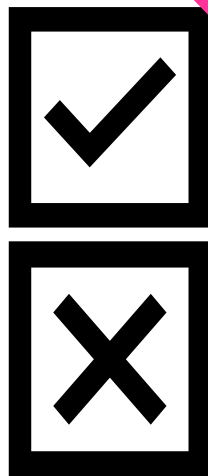
TASK 4

Text Marking



TASK 5

True - False



TASK 6

Summary



TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

1775	Thomas Jefferson
John Adams	why
Congress	New France

Before America became the country it is today, it was made up of 13 colonies (an area under control of another country) under _____ rule. Britain began taxing the colonies to pay for the French and Indian War, a war for control of America against _____. However, the colonists did not believe the taxes were fair since they had no say in British Parliament (government). In _____, the Revolutionary War began because the colonies did not want Britain to continue forcing these _____ laws and taxes on them. But as some time went on, they decided they no longer wanted to be under the British rule and the abusive government. The Declaration of Independence was written as the document that declared America's independence from Great Britain.

After being at war with Britain for about a year, the Second Continental _____ (a meeting of representatives from each of the 13 colonies) decided to declare independence from the country of Britain. They did not want to be controlled by them or have to follow their laws and would fight Great Britain to become their own country.

On June 11, 1776, the Committee of _____ was formed by the Continental Congress (the first government of the United States, created to make decisions on behalf of the colonies). This committee was created to write a document to explain _____ the colonies were declaring their independence. The five chosen people were Benjamin Franklin from Pennsylvania, _____ from Massachusetts, Thomas Jefferson from Virginia, Robert Livingston from New York, and Roger Sherman from Connecticut. _____ was chosen to write the first draft of the document. After a few weeks and some changes made to it by the committee, the draft was presented to the Continental Congress on June 28, 1776.

TASK 2: VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the diagram below.



WORD



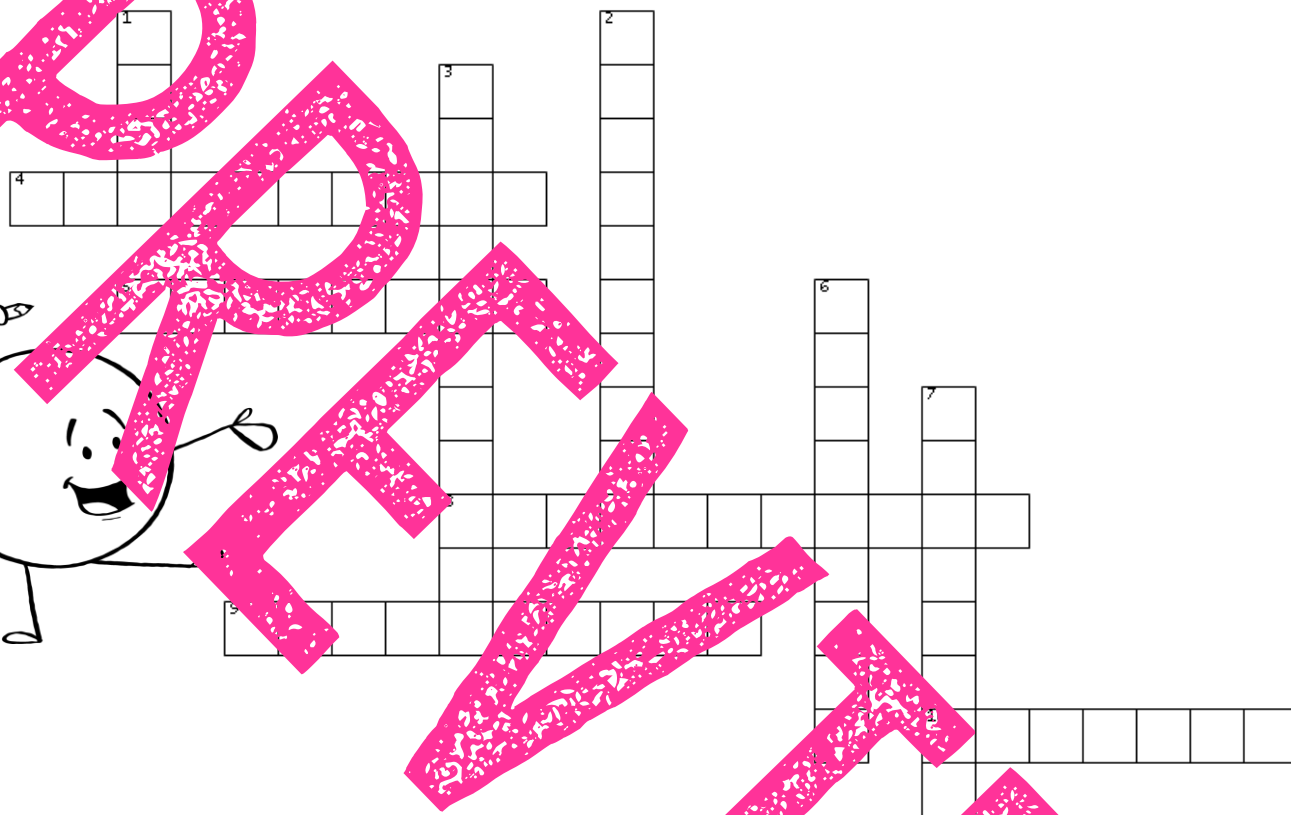
PICTURE



DEFINITION

TASK 3: CROSSWORD

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle by reading the clues below and entering the correct response.



ACROSS

4. Britain's government is also known as _____
5. Number of members of the Congress that signed the document
8. Number of grievances listed in the document
9. Another word for grievances
10. "Life, _____ and the pursuit of happiness"

DOWN

1. The Declaration consists of _____ main parts
2. Robert _____ was from New York
3. The 1st government of the US was the _____ Congress
6. Last name of the person who wrote the Declaration
7. Part one of the document is called the _____

TASK 6: SUMMARIZE



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SUMMARY



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