

UNIT 1: THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

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LESSON 1: THE FOUNDING FATHERS

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress declared the United States independent from Great Britain.

The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 delegates to the Continental Congress.

The document was adopted by the Continental Congress on September 17, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence was a landmark document in American history.

It established the United States as a sovereign nation.

The document was signed by John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams.

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It was a declaration of the United States' right to be free from British rule.

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