Excerpts and Principles from the Declaration of Independence

Directions: Match one or more of the principles of government expressed in the Declaration of Independence to the seven excerpts from the Declaration of Independence below:

Excerpt 1: When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another . . . a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.
Principle(s)______

Excerpt 2: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
Principle(s)______

Excerpt 3: That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.
Principle(s)______

Excerpt 4: That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government.
Principle(s)______

Excerpt 5: The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States.
Principle(s)______

Excerpt 6: In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler.
Principle(s)______

Excerpt 7: These United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved.
Principle(s)______
Four Principles of Government expressed in the Declaration of Independence:

**Principle 1:** All people are created equal.

**Principle 2:** All people have basic rights that cannot be taken away.

**Principle 3:** The government gets its power to make decisions and to protect rights from the people.

**Principle 4:** When the government does not protect the rights of the people, the people have the right to change or remove the government.