The Declaration of Independence

Analyze the quote:
1. What was the main idea of Patrick Henry’s speech to the Virginia House of Burgesses?

2. How might Henry’s speech have pushed the colonies closer to declaring independence?

Analyze the image:
1. What is going on? Why was it created?

2. Do you know any of the men in this image?

3. What groups of people are not represented in this image?

6.2 The Colonists Organize an Army
1. Who did John Adams propose should lead the Continental Army? Why did he recommend this person?

6.3 On the Eve of Independence
1. Record at least one similarity and three differences between the Olive Branch Petition and Common Sense:

Olive Branch Petition

Common Sense
6.4 Thomas JeffersonDrafts a Declaration

1. Who drafted the Declaration of Independence? What was his main job in writing this document?

2. The first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence is called the Preamble. Read the Preamble, which is on page 592 of our text. What does the Preamble explain?

3. There is a long list that begins with the words, "He has...He has...He has..." Quickly skim this list. What is this list of, and why do you think it was included?

4. Quickly skim the last paragraph that starts, “We therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America . . .” What do the Representatives declare in this part of the document?

The following four principles of government are used in the Declaration of Independence. Fill in the missing words:

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

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

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

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