

Shaping the Constitution

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**Lesson Plan: Declaration of Independence;
the Unanimous Declaration of Our Classroom**

**Handouts: Declaration of Independence and vocabulary lists
(excerpted and reworded text)**

- (1) Introduction/Preamble**
- (2) Indictment of the King**
- (3) Denunciation of the British People**
- (4) Conclusion**

Handout: “Positive and Negative” Word Chart (and sample)

**Handout: Declaration of Independence Summary
Worksheet**

Handout: Classroom Declaration Worksheet (and sample)

**Handout: Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776
(full text and vocabulary list)**