

Declaration of Independence

July 4, 1776

Preamble

(that just means introduction)

Draw a box in which you will summarize the main ideas in the Preamble, where the purpose of the document is introduced. You should include a few quotes of famous phrases. Find a way to make them stand out - maybe put them in bolder lettering, or a different color, etc.

Grievances

(that means complaints - a listing of the ways they have been mistreated)

Most of the document is taken up by a list of grievances the colonists had against the British - especially the king. Draw another box, in which you will list four of those grievances. (Choose the four that you think are the most serious.)

List them bullet-style. (You have drawn another box, right?)

Conclusion

(ok - you know what that means!)

What ultimate position does the document take regarding:

- the king?
- the "British brethren"?
- the colonies themselves?

(use quotes for each)

Signatures

Find a way to represent the signatures at the bottom. Be sure to include Hancock's large signature, and an indication of how the others signed.