



ACTIVITY NOTES 6

1. Read Excerpt 1 below.
2. Rephrase the excerpt into simple language a third grader could understand.
3. Draw a simple illustration to represent the excerpt.
4. Have your teacher check your work. Repeat these steps for Excerpts 2–8.

Excerpt	Rephrased Excerpt	Simple Sketch
<p>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 and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”</p>		
<p>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.”</p>		
<p>Excerpt 3: “That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”</p>		
<p>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.”</p>		



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<p>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.”</p>		
<p>Excerpt 6: “To prove this [that England has interfered with colonial rights], let Facts be submitted to a candid world. He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.”</p>		
<p>Excerpt 7: “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 of a free people.”</p>		
<p>Excerpt 8: “We, therefore... solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States.”</p>		



Excerpt 1

**dissolve
bands
assume
powers
station
entitle
impel**

end
ties
take
other nations
place
give right to
force

Excerpt 2

**self-evident
endowed
unalienable**

obvious
given
not to be taken away

Excerpt 3

**secure
institute
derive
just
consent**

defend
establish
receive
fair
agreement

Excerpt 4

alter

change

Excerpt 5

**usurpation
in direct object
tyranny**

illegal seizure of power
the goal of
government by an unjust ruler

Excerpt 6

**submit
candid
assent**

present for judgment
fair
agreement

Excerpt 7

**oppression
redress**

unjust action
relief