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Class/Period:
American Literature—Mr. Martin

Declaring your own Independence or Creating your own Common Sense

Objective: To show comprehension of the themes and style of either “The Declaration of Independence” or *Common Sense* through transposing either document into the current time frame with teenage-style issues.

Directions: In groups of 1-3, you will choose one of the two original American documents studied this week and....

-While still keeping the original style and tone, move it into the current time and issues that you are dealing with.

-Integrate your own contemporary teenage issues.

-Topics for consideration: Declaring independence from parents, school, laws, social constraints, etc.

Writing a scathing review of the expectations of gender, race, or culture bias. Writing out against the tyrannical school system or parents, this is your chance to SPEAK OUT!

You will then present your document aloud in a professional assembly to the class.

Scoring Guide	
Creativity	/10
Context Knowledge	/10
Writing Quality	/10
Presentation	/10
Classroom Responsibility	/10
Total:	/50 (Quiz/Short-Term Assignment Grade)