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***Declaration of Independence***

**READING GUIDE #3**

**Reading: Natural Rights and the Role of Government**

**Benchmark Clarification 3:** Students will analyze the relationship between natural rights and the role of government: 1. People are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; 2. Governments are instituted among men to secure these rights; 3. Governments derive their just powers from the consent of governed; and 4. Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government.

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| **Reading Task** | **Response** |
| What ideas are presented in the reading? |  |
| What is the central idea of the reading? |  |
| Select two words or phrases that support the central idea. |  |
| How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before? |  |
| What is the relationship between natural rights and the role of government?  | The relationship between natural rights and the role of government is: |