



The Founding: From Colonies to the United States: SS.7.CG.1.6
Declaration of Independence
READING GUIDE #1

Name: _____

Date: _____



Reading: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

Benchmark Clarification 1: Students will identify the unalienable rights specifically expressed in the Preamble of the Declaration of Independence (e.g., life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness).

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?	
Identify the unalienable rights specifically expressed in the Preamble of the Declaration of Independence.	The unalienable rights specifically expressed in the Preamble of the Declaration of Independence are: