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USCIS STUDY GUIDE





WHAT WE'LL COVER

- The 13 States
- Reasons for Revolution
- The Declaration of Independence
- George Washington

ORIGINAL STATES

THERE WERE 13 ORIGINAL STATES



New Hampshire
Massachusetts
Rhode Island
Connecticut
New York
New Jersey
Pennsylvania

Delaware
Maryland
Virginia
North Carolina
South Carolina
Georgia

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REASONS FOR REVOLUTION

WHY DID THE COLONISTS FIGHT THE BRITISH?

TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

Colonists were upset that they were getting taxed without having a political voice in Parliament.

QUARTERING & BOARDING

Government officials required American colonists to provide housing and food to British soldiers.

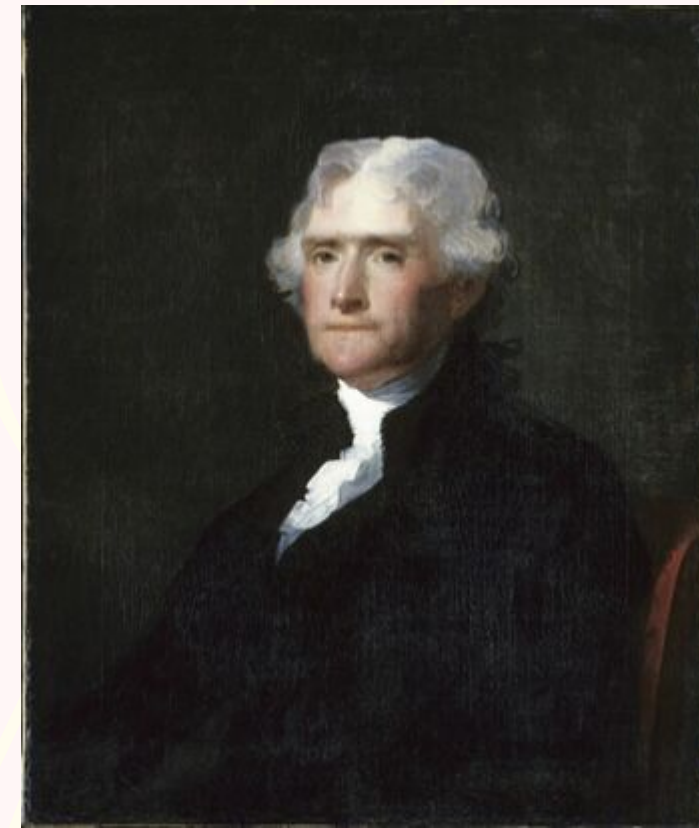
NO SELF- GOVERNMENT

Colonists believed they should have the right to form their own government.

**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
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JULY 4, 1776

On July 4th, 1776,
Thomas Jefferson
wrote the Declaration
of Independence.

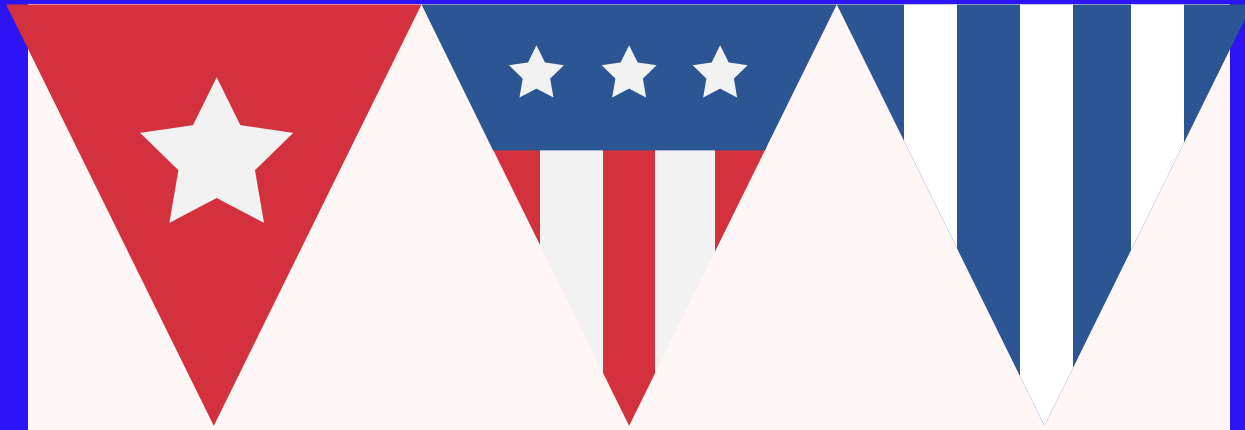


THE DECLARATION



WHAT DID IT DO?

The Declaration of Independence declared that the United States was severing its political connections to Great Britain. It lists out the reasons that the colonies wanted to become independent from Britain. The unalienable rights listed in the Declaration are "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."



"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."

-Declaration of Independence

GEORGE WASHINGTON

FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY

After the United States won its independence from Great Britain, George Washington was chosen as our first president. He helped lead our country in its fight for independence and is considered the Father of our Country.



**QUESTIONS
& COMMENTS**

