

# The Declaration of Independence

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the Introduction to the Declaration.

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 separation.



What is the tone of this passage?

In what three ways does this introduction set the tone for what is to come in the rest of the document?

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