



## ANSWERS

This document established an American government and declared war against Great Britain.

The document was written in order to help the Second Continental Congress to get help from other countries. It also documents America's reasons for separating from Great Britain by outlining how they had been mistreated. put the political philosophical ideas of the time into real world practice.

1. Introduction, and intention to declare why the colonists are separating from England.
2. The Preamble presents the philosophical ideas which underlie the document.
3. The Indictment lists the specific grievances the colonists have against England.
4. Lists how the colonists have tried to address the situation up until this point.
5. Lists their present intention – they hereby declare themselves a free county.

It draws on ideas from the Enlightenment, especially John Locke. It