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<p>Why is the Declaration of Independence and important document?</p> 	<p>The Declaration of Independence gave reasons for independence and ideas for self-government. The Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, states that authority to govern</p> <p style="text-align: center;">   </p> <p>belongs to the <u>people</u> rather than to <u>kings</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">   </p> <p>and that all <u>people</u> are created <u>equal</u> and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">    </p> <p>have rights to <u>life</u>, <u>liberty</u>, and the <u>pursuit of happiness</u>.</p>								


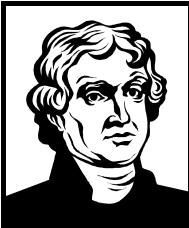


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Various Roles of Virginians during the American Revolution



Patriots	Loyalists	Neutral	Women
Served in the Continental Army and fought for independence	Remained loyal to Great Britain 	Did not take sides	Took on more responsibility to support the war effort
Enslaved African Americans	Free African Americans	American Indians	
Fought for a better chance of freedom	Fought for independence in the American Revolution	Fought alongside both the Virginia patriots and the British	

Contributions of Virginians during the Revolutionary War Era

George Washington 	Provided military leadership by serving as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.
Thomas Jefferson 	Provided political leadership by expressing the reasons for colonial independence from England in the Declaration of Independence.
Patrick Henry 	Inspired patriots from other colonies when he spoke out against taxation without representation by saying, "...give me liberty or give me death."
James Lafayette 	An enslaved African American from Virginia who served in the Continental Army and successfully requested his freedom after the war.

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Questions:	Answers:
What was the importance of the Battle of Great Bridge?	The Battle of Great Bridge was the first land battle of the American Revolution fought in Virginia. The American victory forced the British colonial governor to flee the City of Norfolk.
Who was Jack Jouett? 	Jack Jouett rode on horseback through the backwoods of Virginia to Charlottesville to warn Thomas Jefferson, then governor of Virginia, that the British were coming to arrest him and members of the General Assembly. The actions of Jack Jouett prevented the capture of key members of the Virginia General Assembly.
What was the importance of the American victory at Yorktown? 	The last major battle of the Revolutionary War was fought at Yorktown, Virginia. The American victory at Yorktown resulted in the surrender of the British army, which led to the end of the war.