

The Declaration of Independence



The 5 Parts of the Document

(Many differing opinions, but here's two...)

- Introduction (outlines what's to come)
 - Ideas about role of government
 - List of grievances
 - Attempts to avoid war (reconciliation)
 - Statement of declaration of independence from Britain
- Introduction (document will “declare” causes)
 - Preamble (principles of “self-evident” ideas)
 - Body, part 1 - list of grievances
 - Body, part 2, attempts to avoid war (reconciliation)
 - Statement of declaration of independence from Britain

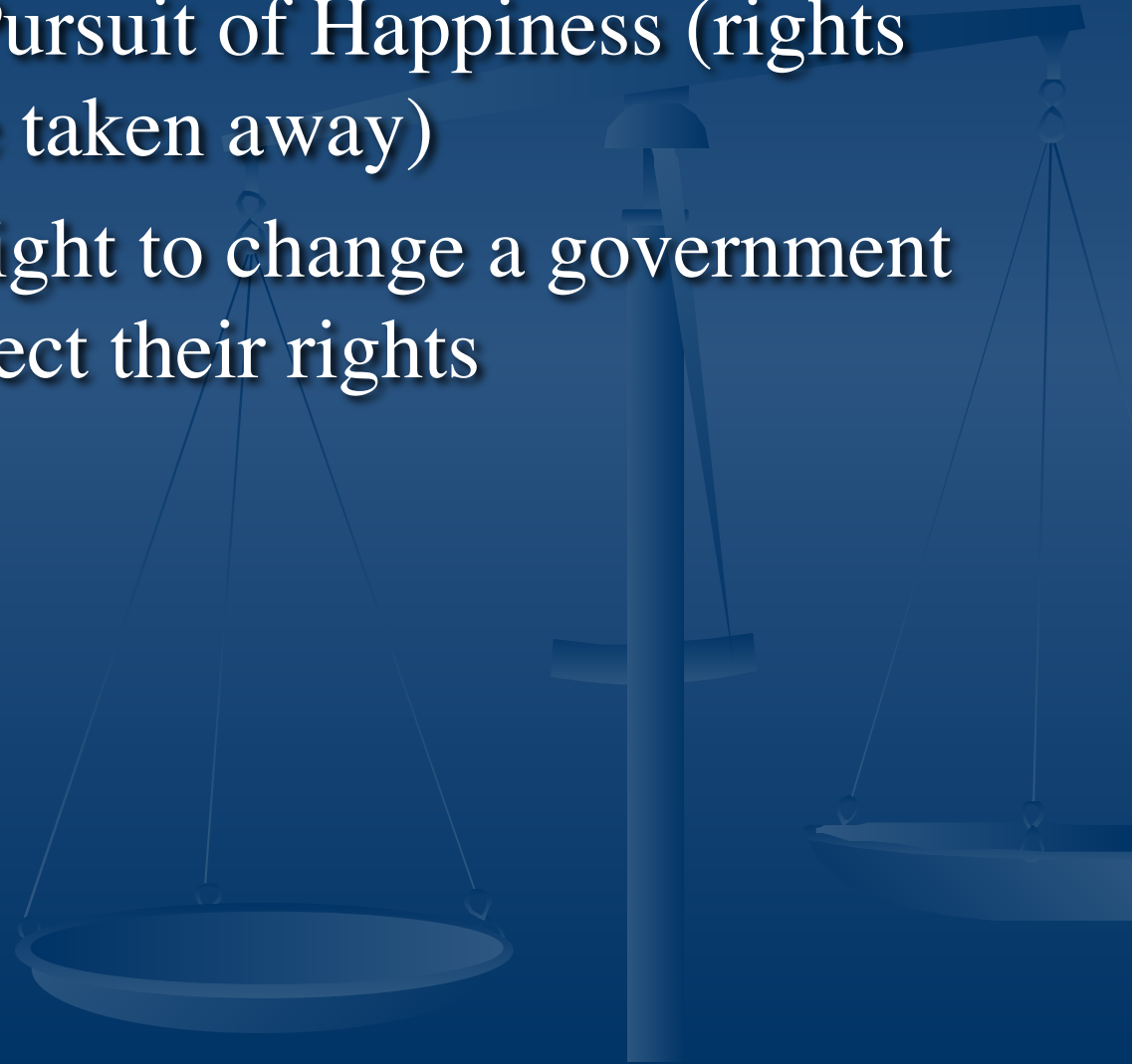
Main Purpose of the Document

- Explain TO THE WORLD, the reasons for separating from Britain



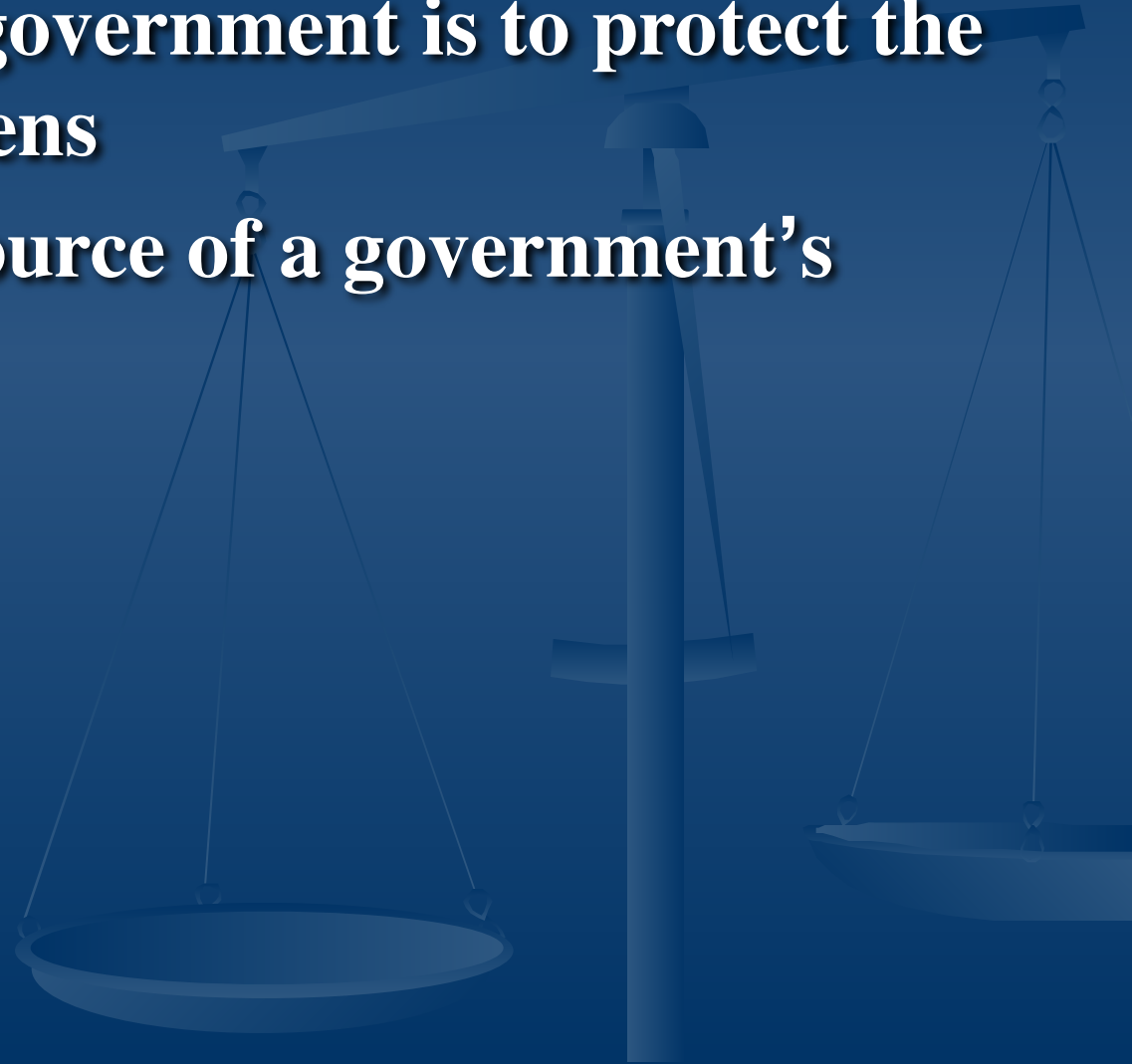
Ideas About Rights

- Life, Liberty, & Pursuit of Happiness (rights that CANNOT be taken away)
- People have the right to change a government that does not protect their rights



Ideas About Government

- The purpose of government is to protect the rights of its citizens
- People are the source of a government's power



Complaints Against King George III

- Loss of representative government
- Quartering of troops
- Denial of rights of British citizens
- Bans on trade with other country
- Taxation without representation

