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**Development of a New Nation**

**1720-1787**

**Writing Assignment**

I can understand the major events preceding the founding of the nation and relate their significance to the development of American Republic.

* TN Core Standards   
  **8.23** Determine the central ideas expressed in the Declaration of Independence and write an expository piece in which the legacy of these ideas in today’s world is described and validated with supporting evidence from the text.

Thinking Like A Historian

Writing: Drawing Inferences

* The Declaration of Independence guarantees “unalienable rights” to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” What exactly does “pursuit of happiness” mean? Does it mean that you can do anything you want as long as it makes you happy? Take a survey of friends and neighbors. Ask them what it means. Prepare a 1-2 page typed essay on your findings. Be sure to include your opinion and reasoning.

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