

VS.5a: The Declaration of Independence

*The  
Declaration  
Of  
Independence*

*The Declaration of Independence*  
was written by  
Thomas Jefferson.

It says that the authority to  
govern belongs to the people, not  
to kings.

It says that all people are  
created equal.

It says that all people have the  
right to life, liberty, and the  
pursuit of happiness.

- **Teaching Tips:** Make a shutter fold. To do this, pinch the paper in the middle where a hamburger crease would be. Then use the pinch as a guide to bring both sides to the middle, making a shutter. Glue the 4 statements about the Dec. of Ind.. to the inside the shutter. Glue the document on top, slicing it in the middle after gluing to allow the shutter to open. Add drawings beside the statements to show additional meaning.