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- Signed July 4, 1776

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- Parts:

- 1.) **Preamble** – introduction of individual rights

- Unalienable rights** – basic rights from birth that cannot be taken away

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2.) **Grievances** – list of complaints against an authority figure (England)

- a. King's abuse of power ("He...")
- b. Unjust acts by Parliament ("For...")
- c. War like acts by the King ("He...")

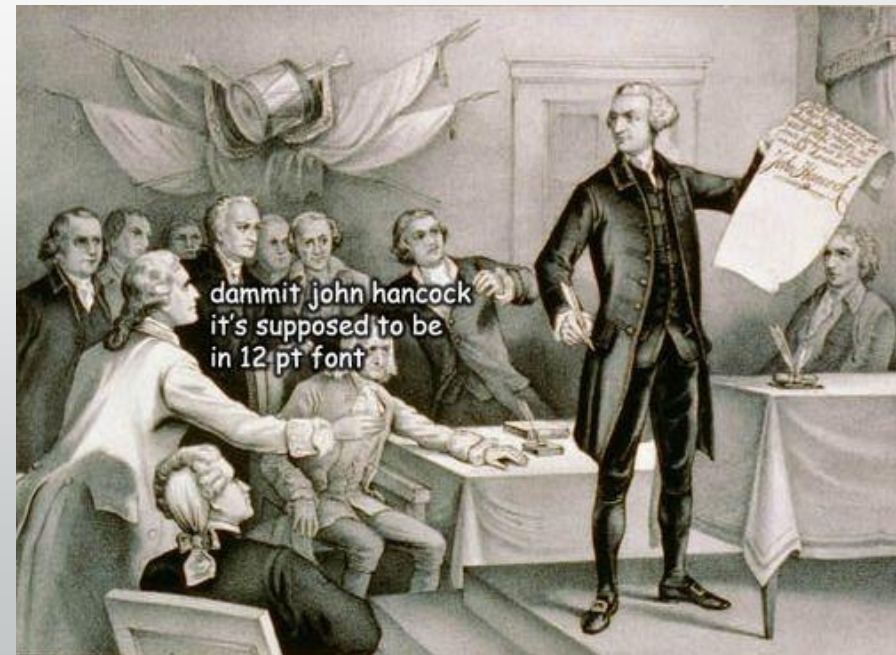
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3.) Declaration – declaration of independence from Great Britain

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- Author – Thomas Jefferson
 - Appointed by John Adams
 - Has faith in Jefferson to write the D of I, BUT this trust disappears later.... (more to come)
- Biggest signature – John Hancock
- 55 people sign—

Why were their signatures sooo small? What were they trying to hide?





And we will never be
ROYALS!

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