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The Declaration of Independence: Catalyst for the American Revolution

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was the main purpose of the Declaration of Independence?
 - a) To declare war on Great Britain
 - b) To establish the American government
 - c) To proclaim the American colonies' separation from British rule
 - d) To negotiate a peace treaty with Great Britain

2. How did the Declaration of Independence provide a moral basis for the American Revolution?
 - a) It called for the use of violence and force against British rule.
 - b) It argued that governments should have unlimited power.
 - c) It asserted that individuals had unalienable rights and the right to alter or abolish an oppressive government.
 - d) It advocated for colonial submission to British authority.

3. What impact did the Declaration of Independence have on the American colonists?
 - a) It divided the colonists and led to internal conflict.
 - b) It had no significant impact on the colonists' actions.
 - c) It united the colonists and inspired a commitment to independence.
 - d) It caused the colonists to surrender to British rule.

4. How did the Declaration of Independence justify armed conflict in the American Revolution?
 - a) By advocating for peace negotiations with Great Britain
 - b) By listing a series of grievances against King George III and explaining the colonists' reasons for seeking independence
 - c) By emphasizing the importance of submission to British authority
 - d) By condemning all forms of military action

5. What international impact did the Declaration of Independence have during the American Revolution?
 - a) It had no international significance.
 - b) It inspired sympathizers in Europe and other countries and garnered international support.
 - c) It caused other countries to declare war on the American colonies.
 - d) It led to isolation and hostility from other nations.

