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The Declaration of Independence: Catalyst for the American Revolution

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. The Declaration of Independence provided a moral basis for the American Revolution through its articulation of key philosophical principles. Discuss these principles and explain how they justified the colonists' rebellion against British rule.
2. How did the Declaration of Independence serve as a unifying force among the American colonists during the revolution? Provide examples of its impact on the colonists' commitment to the cause of independence.
3. The list of grievances against King George III in the Declaration of Independence played a significant role in justifying armed conflict. Explain the purpose of listing these grievances and how they contributed to the colonists' decision to take up arms.
4. Describe the international impact of the Declaration of Independence during the American Revolution. How did it resonate with sympathizers in other countries, and what support did it help secure for the American colonies?

