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## The Signers of the Declaration of Independence and Their Consequences

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 individuals, including John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and John Hancock. Explain the significance of these prominent figures signing the document and their willingness to take significant risks for the cause of American independence.
2. The majority of signatures on the Declaration of Independence were affixed on August 2, 1776. Discuss the timing of this event and its significance in the context of the American Revolutionary War.
3. What were some of the potential consequences faced by the signers of the Declaration of Independence for openly defying British authority, and how did these risks reflect their commitment to the cause of American independence?
4. Despite the risks and hardships, the signers of the Declaration of Independence left a lasting legacy. Describe the legacy they left behind and the impact of their commitment to the principles of liberty on the United States.

