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Changes and Edits in the Declaration of Independence: From Draft to Final Copy

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. The creation of the Declaration of Independence involved a collaborative process that included revisions and edits. Who were the members of the committee responsible for drafting the declaration, and what role did they play in shaping the document through their revisions and discussions?
2. One significant change in the drafting of the Declaration of Independence was the removal of sections condemning the transatlantic slave trade and slavery itself. Explain the reasons behind this decision and the objections raised by certain delegates, particularly from Southern colonies.
3. How did the Continental Congress contribute to the creation of the Declaration of Independence, and what specific changes and edits did they make to the document during the debate and discussion process?
4. Describe the final adoption process of the Declaration of Independence. Who signed the document on July 4, 1776, and what significance did this act hold for the American colonies' struggle for independence?

