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The Fundamental Principles of the Declaration of Independence

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What are the three unalienable rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence?
 - a) Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness
 - b) Freedom, justice, and equality
 - c) Wealth, power, and happiness
 - d) Life, liberty, and property

2. According to the Declaration of Independence, where do legitimate governments derive their just powers from?
 - a) Divine authority
 - b) The military
 - c) The consent of the governed
 - d) Foreign nations

3. What principle does the Declaration of Independence emphasize regarding the right to alter or abolish an oppressive government?
 - a) The right to remain passive
 - b) The right to taxation
 - c) The right to revolution and the establishment of a new government
 - d) The right to petition the king for change

4. Which fundamental principle is implicit in the Declaration of Independence, even though it is not explicitly mentioned?
 - a) Government by consent
 - b) The right to taxation
 - c) Equality
 - d) Monarchy

5. What does the principle of self-determination entail?
 - a) The right to determine one's own political status and make decisions about one's future
 - b) The right to abolish the government without consequences
 - c) The right to unlimited power
 - d) The right to violate natural rights

