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## Holding History: The Original Declaration of Independence

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Explain the historical significance of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in relation to the Declaration of Independence. Why is this location significant in American history?
2. Describe the measures taken to preserve and protect the original Declaration of Independence in the National Archives. Why is it essential to safeguard this historic document for future generations?
3. Besides its role as the custodian of the Declaration of Independence, discuss the National Archives' commitment to providing public access to important historical documents. Why is public access to these documents important?
4. Reflect on the symbolism of displaying the original Declaration of Independence alongside the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights in the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom. What message does this convey about the foundational documents of the United States?

