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## Holding History: The Original Declaration of Independence

### Short Answer Key

1. The National Archives is responsible for preserving and protecting the original Declaration of Independence.
2. The protective measures include storing the document in an airtight case filled with argon gas, protecting it from harmful UV rays, and maintaining controlled temperature and humidity levels.
3. Two other significant documents displayed in the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom are the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
4. Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is significant because it was where the Second Continental Congress met to debate and adopt the Declaration of Independence.
5. Storing the Declaration of Independence in an airtight case filled with argon gas helps protect the parchment from oxidation, preventing deterioration over time.

