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## Interpreting and Applying the Declaration of Independence in American History

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. The Declaration of Independence has been interpreted and applied throughout American history in various ways. Describe how the phrase "all men are created equal" has been understood and used to advocate for social change in different historical contexts.
2. Choose one social movement from American history (e.g., abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, civil rights) that invoked the principles of the Declaration of Independence. Explain how this movement connected its goals to the Declaration and how these principles helped drive social change.
3. The fight for women's suffrage in the early 20th century was closely tied to the principles of equality in the Declaration of Independence. Describe the role of key figures like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton in advocating for women's right to vote and how they used the Declaration to support their cause.
4. The civil rights movement in the United States drew inspiration from the principles of the Declaration of Independence, particularly equality and justice. Discuss the impact of the Declaration on this movement and how its principles were applied to advance civil rights.

