

Name _____

Decoding "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" in the Declaration of Independence

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What does the phrase "life" in the Declaration of Independence primarily represent?

- a) The freedom to make choices
- b) The right to exist without arbitrary harm
- c) The pursuit of personal happiness
- d) The absence of tyranny

2. What concept does "liberty" in the declaration encompass?

- a) The right to pursue happiness
- b) The pursuit of one's well-being
- c) The freedom to make choices and act without undue restrictions
- d) The quest for personal dreams and aspirations

3. How does the phrase "the pursuit of happiness" acknowledge individual differences?

- a) By defining happiness in specific terms
- b) By emphasizing the pursuit of societal happiness
- c) By recognizing that each person's interpretation of happiness may vary
- d) By promoting a uniform definition of happiness for all citizens

4. What philosophical movement heavily influenced the concept of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in the Declaration of Independence?

- a) The Romantic movement
- b) The Enlightenment
- c) The Industrial Revolution
- d) The Renaissance

5. What does the inclusion of the phrase "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in the declaration signify about the United States?

- a) Its commitment to oppressive rule
- b) Its founding on principles of individual rights and freedom
- c) Its preference for a uniform definition of happiness
- d) Its rejection of Enlightenment philosophy

