

Declaration of Independence Grievances Name _____

Directions: Below are most of the grievances from the Declaration of Independence.

- If the grievance seems to be something that would affect only the rich and powerful, write **O** (for ONLY rich and powerful)
- If the grievance seems to be something that would affect all the colonists, write **A** (for ALL the colonists)
- If you don't know who would be affected, write **'?'**

(1 & 2) He has refused to pass, and forbidden his governors to pass, important and necessary laws. _____

(5 & 6) He has broken up certain legislatures that opposed him, and refused to let others be elected. _____

(8 & 9) He has refused to establish courts of justice, and has made judges dependent on him for their jobs and salaries. _____

(10) He has sent swarms of British officers to harass our people and eat our food. _____

(11 & 12) He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies, without the consent of our legislatures. _____

(16) For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world; _____

(17) For imposing taxes on us without our consent; _____

(18) For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury; _____

(23 & 24) He is waging war against us; He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burned our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. _____

(27) He has started fights among us and has also forced us to live near merciless Indian savages. _____

1. Do these grievances seem to be things that upset rich people or everyone?

2. Do you think these complaints would give people reason to go to war and possibly die? Why or why not?