

Declaration Rewrite

Directions: After reading and discussing the Declaration as a class, insert a “translation” or words/phrases that people today would better understand in place of the original wording of the Declaration. Make sure your translation covers all the ideas left blank below (you will need to have a copy of the Declaration in front of you).

Preamble

_____, it becomes necessary for one people to
_____, and to _____,
a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they
_____.

Declaration of Natural Rights

We hold these _____ to be _____, that all
men are created equal, that they are _____ by their
Creator with certain _____, that among these
are Life, _____ and
_____.

_____, Governments are
_____, _____ their just powers
from _____,

That whenever any Form of Government _____,
it is the Right of the People to _____, and to
_____.

_____ . Prudence indeed will dictate that Governments _____ should not be changed for _____; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that _____ . But when _____, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to _____ .