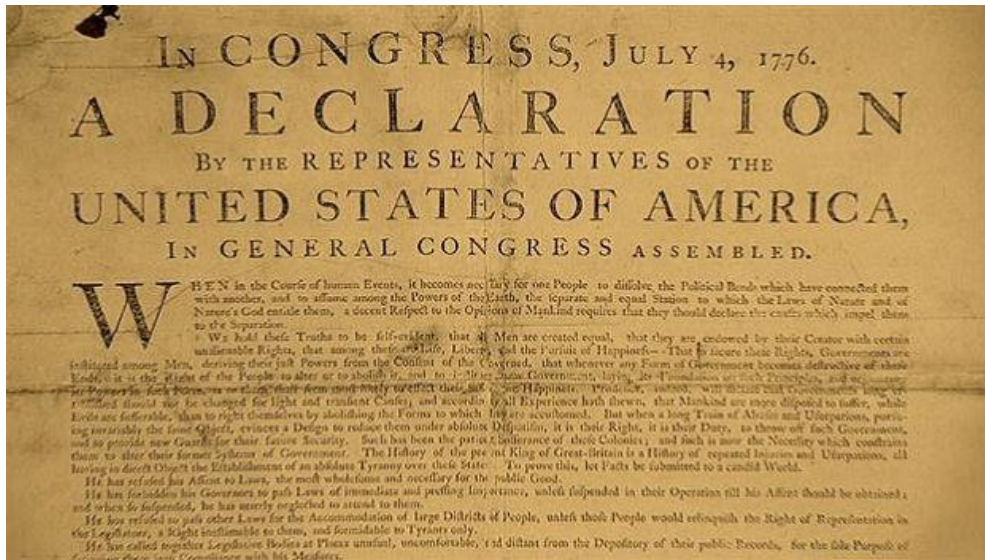


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# The Declaration of Independence



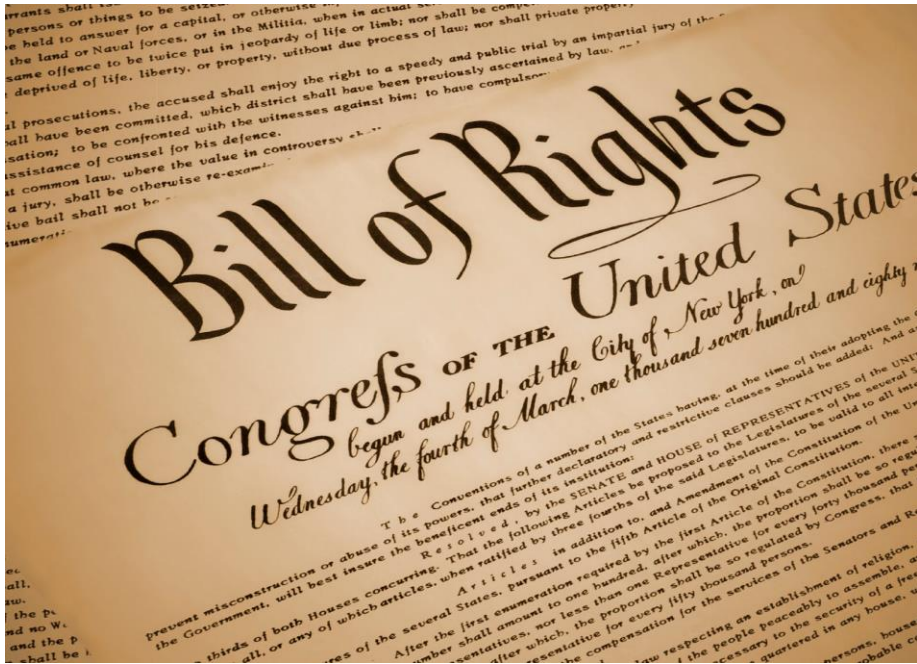
- It was dated July 4, 1776, but was really signed on July 2, 1776
- The Declaration of Independence was written to declare their Independence from Britain
- 56 people signed the Declaration of Independence
- It was signed in the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

# The Constitution

- The Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787
- The Constitution was written to establish fundamental laws for the United States of America
- The U.S. Constitution was written in secret, in a locked room that was guarded by sentries
- It was written and signed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



# The Bill of Rights



- The Bill of Rights became effective on December 15, 1791
- The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution because they felt it was necessary to safeguard individual liberty
- There are 10 amendments in the Bill of Rights
- They were drafted in New York City

# President of the United States

To be President you must have certain qualifications, these include:

- Must be 35 years of Age
- You must be a natural born citizen or born to two naturally born parents if you are born outside the United States
- You must live in the United States for 14 years

Our Current President is Donald Trump



# Vice President of the United States

To be Vice President you must also meet a few qualifications, these include:

- Must be 35 years of Age
- You must be a natural born citizen or born to two naturally born parents if you are born outside the United States
- You must live in the United States for 14 years

The current Vice president is Mike Pence





# Speaker of the House

The speaker of the house does not have any qualifications:

- The speaker can be any ordinary citizen
- There are no legal restrictions on who can be the speaker
- The House of Representatives chooses who is the Speaker of the House

The current Speaker of the House is Paul Ryan



# Secretary of State



The duties of the Secretary of State include:

- Advise the president on foreign matters
- Help negotiate treaties
- Communicates issues relating the United States foreign policy to Congress and the U.S. citizens
- Promote positive encounters between the U.S. and other countries

Current Secretary of State is Mike Pompeo



# Supreme Court



The duties of the Supreme Court include:

- To interpret the U.S. Constitution
- Have Judicial Review
- To interpret laws to ensure they are constitutional
- To ensure laws are faithfully applied
- To rule on cases involving the Constitution, federal laws, treaties, and disputes between states
- There are nine justices that sit on Supreme Court

# Senate

Duties of Senate include:

- Serve 6 terms
- Write and pass laws
- Approve Presidential Appointments
- Ratify treaties with other countries
- Every state has two senators

Arkansas's current senators are John Boozman and Tom Cotton



John Boozman



Tom Cotton

# House of Representatives

Duties of the House of Representatives Include:

- Serve two-year terms for their specific congressional district
- Introduce bills and resolutions
- Offer Amendments
- Serve on Committees
- The number of Representatives each state has varies on the population of the state
- The current Representatives for Arkansas are Bruce Westerman, French Hill, Rick Crawford, and Steve Womack



Bruce Westerman



French Hill



Rick Crawford



Steve Womack