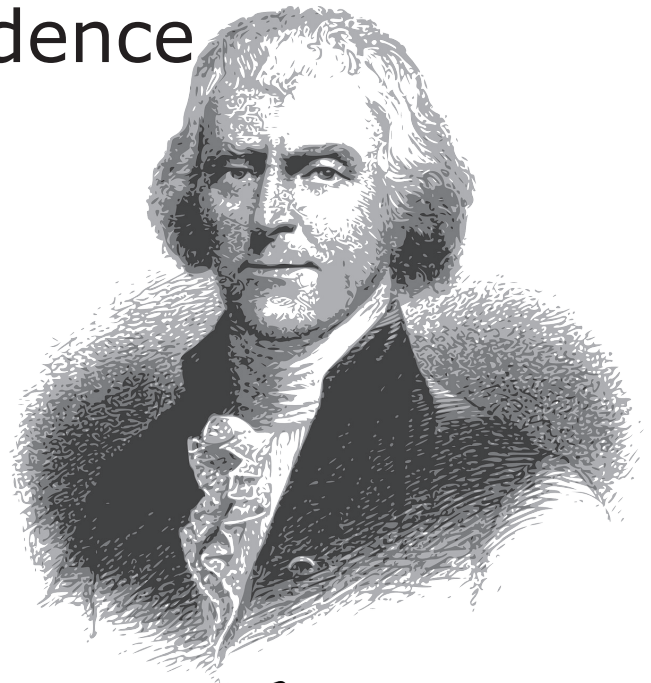


Declaration of Independence

Before the Constitution was ever a thought, the founders gathered to write a letter to King George III declaring their independence from Britain, Parliament and all those TAXES without representation! Thomas Jefferson along with 55 other delegates from the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence and risked their lives, family's lives, homes, and fortunes to stand for freedom. What would you have said to King George III and the British Parliament. Use the Declaration page (or you may want to use the craft projects below) to write your own Declaration of Independence. Ask everyone in agreement to sign the bottom of the letter. Have an adult act as King George III and deliver your letter to him.



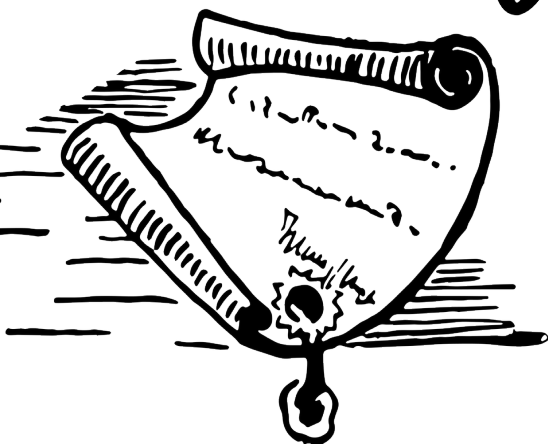
Quill Pen Craft

Supplies:

- craft feather with hollow quill for child,
- bottle of washable ink,
- printer paper

Instructions:

1. You should cut the end of each feather at a slant so that it has a pointed tip.
2. Place newspaper on a table or counter.
3. Have child dip his quill into the ink and then write his name on the paper.
4. Put the paper in a safe place to dry. You may want to display it in the room.



Quill Pen Craft
Parchment Paper Craft

Make your own Parchment Paper

Supplies:

- white paper
- a cup of coffee
- large baking dish
- blow dryer (optional)
- piece of twine (optional)

Instructions:

1. Tear the edges of the white paper.
2. Crumple the paper into a ball.
3. Un-crumple the paper and lay flat in the baking dish.
4. Pour the coffee over the paper and let sit for a few minutes.
5. Hang the paper to dry (or use a blow dryer to speed the process).