SS.7.C.1.4
Analyze the ideas (natural rights, role of the government) and complaints set forth in the Declaration of Independence.

**SS.7.C.1.4 Benchmark Clarification 4:** Students will recognize the connection between specific grievances in the Declaration of Independence and natural rights violations.

Each of the complaints listed in the Declaration of Independence is a response to specific actions taken by the English/British government and, in one way or another, denied the colonists of their natural rights.

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**Declaration of Independence** - a document written in 1776 that listed the basis for democratic government and the grievances of the colonists

**natural rights** - the belief that individuals are born with basic rights that cannot be taken away by governments