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Read over the questions below and think about the Declaration of Independence. Then answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. What is the purpose of the preamble?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. According to Jefferson, when do people have the right to alter or abolish a government?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. According to Jefferson, what, in general, do the colonists object to about the way laws are made and enforced in the colonies?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. According to Jefferson, what have the colonists done repeatedly each time they felt that they had been wronged?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What does the last part of the document say about the colonies' relationship with Great Britain?

Answer the following question based on your own experience and knowledge. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (18 points)

6. The Declaration of Independence states that "all men are created equal." Do you think this is true? Do citizens of the United States live as if this statement were true? How might you change the wording of this sentence if you had an opportunity to do so? Why?