

“You Are the Historian!” Assessment Sheet

Names _____ Date _____

Directions: Based on the “Voices of Liberty!,” the Declaration of Independence excerpt below, and your prior knowledge, did the United States succeed or fail, during this Revolutionary period, to secure liberty for the groups you have discussed and why?

Declaration of Independence	The Historians Opinion!
<p>“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, . . . In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury . . . therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free. . . .”</p>	