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Chapter 12 The Declaration of Independence

Fill in the blanks for each sentence with an appropriate word.

1. Minutemen were patriot volunteer who was paid and trained to be ready to _____ at a minute's notice.
2. The militia was a body of mostly untrained part-time _____ who did required military service and were available for full-time paid duty when needed.
3. The Second Continental Congress was the first government in the colonies made up of _____ from each of the 13 colonies.
4. The Declaration of Independence is the _____ that told why the colonies should no longer be under British rule.
5. Equality is the state of having the same _____ and privileges as others.

1. At the start of the American Revolution, the Continental army was made up of _____ and untrained volunteers.
2. _____ was an important idea in the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson felt that all men were equal.
3. The _____ **Continental Congress** had to decide whether to declare independence from Great Britain.
4. Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the _____ of _____.
5. When the war started there was no army, each colony had a _____.

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word	meaning	Example sentence
Declaration of Independence	The document that told why the colonies should no longer be under British rule.	
Second Continental Congress	The first government for the colonies made up of delegates from each of the 13 colonies.	
minutemen	A patriot volunteer who was paid and trained to be ready to fight at a minute's notice.	
militia	A body of mostly untrained part-time soldiers who did required military service and were available for full-time paid duty when needed.	
equality	The state of having the same rights and privileges as others.	