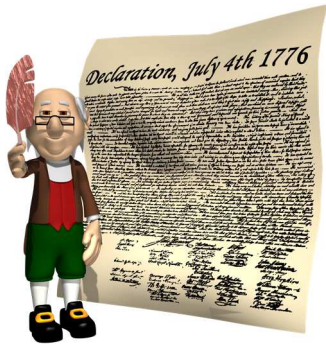


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2. Independence Day - July 4, 1776

I Do Declare



Miss Wilson's fourth-grade class had just finished a social studies unit on the Declaration of Independence, a famous and important document written by Thomas Jefferson in 1776. It announced that the colonies were declaring freedom from the rule of Great Britain. It signaled the birth of a new nation, The United States of America.

Samuel got an idea from studying that unit. He would declare his independence at home, no more having to do his homework, or making his bed, or taking out the trash. He wrote his declaration on a piece of notebook paper and handed it to his father after dinner. His father read it, tried not to smile, and then showed it to Samuel's mother. She disappeared into the den for a few minutes and returned with a piece of paper containing her declaration of independence. She would no longer grocery shop, prepare meals for Samuel, or take him to buy his clothes. Samuel would have to find a way to do those things for himself.



After reading his mom's declaration, Samuel sat and thought a bit. He would miss her delicious cooking. With a grin on his face, he told her to throw away his silly piece of paper, gave her a big hug, and asked if she would make her world-famous lasagna soon. She said she sure would and then asked him to please go take out the trash. Independence would have to wait.

1. Thomas _____ wrote the Declaration of Independence.
2. In Samuel's declaration, he said he would not do _____.
3. Samuel showed his declaration to his _____ first.
4. Samuel's father showed the declaration to his _____.
5. Samuel's mother declared that she would no longer _____.
6. Samuel knew he would miss his mother's _____.
7. Samuel's mother agreed to make _____ for dinner soon.
8. He told her to throw away his _____ declaration.

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prepare
meals
father
mother
homework
silly
lasagna
Jefferson
delicious
cooking