

Guided Reading

The Spirit of Independence

Lesson 5 *Declaring Independence*

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

- *What motivates people to act?*

The Second Continental Congress

Answering Questions As you read the section, answer the questions below.

- 1. Listing** Name three delegates to the Second Continental Congress who had also been at the First Continental Congress.

- 2. Analyzing** What had Benjamin Franklin done that made him one of the most respected men in the colonies?

Summarizing Describe one key action the delegates took in each of the three categories listed.

| Topic | Action |
|------------------------------|--------|
| 3. About Money | |
| 4. About Mail | |
| 5. About the Military | |

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6. **Identifying** Who were the Hessians and what did they do?

7. **Describing** How did Washington and his troops capture Boston?

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Answering Questions As you read the section, answer the questions below.

1. **Explaining** What bold idea did Richard Henry Lee propose to the delegates at the Second Continental Congress?

2. **Identifying** Name the five delegates chosen to write a declaration of independence.

3. **Analyzing** What ideas that John Locke expressed in the 1690s are also in the Declaration of Independence?

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4. **Synthesizing** Fill in the concept web to outline some of the grievances and rights included in the Declaration of Independence.

