Declaration of Independence (Rough Draft) Summary Organizer

1. Type of Source (Check all that apply):

Written [ ]  Speech[ ]  Legal Record[ ]  Newspaper[ ]

Audio [ ]  Video [ ]  Cartoon [ ]  Other

2. Date of Source:

3. Author or Speaker (Name & Description):

4. For what audience (s) was this source produced?

5. In your own words, describe 3 essential concepts from the source.

A.

B.

C.

6. Identify the clues in this source could help identify the time, place, and context of the source.

7. List and define four vocabulary terms from the document essential to understand this source.

A.

B.

C.

D.

8. List one concept, principle or event not mentioned in this source you believe is related to the source. Explain your reasoning.

9. List one questions that you have regarding the meaning of this source. (“I don’t have one” is not OK.)

10. Who or what, according to the document, is the source of the rights of the people?

11. How does this assertion contradict previous theories of government?

12. What is the reason that societies create or adopt governments?

13. Identify 2 key concepts from the original passages that were deleted. Why do you think they were deleted?

A)

B)

14. “All men are created equal.” What does this phrase mean to you?

15. All men are created equal.” What do you think the author intended it to mean?