

# DEFINING & DEBATING AMERICAN IDEALS

50pts

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE THE ANSWERS THAT BEST REPRESENTS YOUR OWN VIEWS ON EACH IDEA.

**1. All Americans are equal.**

- a. strongly disagree
- b. mildly disagree
- c. mildly agree
- d. strongly agree

**2. Some Americans have more rights than others.**

- a. strongly disagree
- b. mildly disagree
- c. mildly agree
- d. strongly agree

**3. Americans have all the freedoms they deserve.**

- a. strongly disagree
- b. mildly disagree
- c. mildly agree
- d. strongly agree

**4. All Americans have the same opportunities to succeed in life.**

- a. strongly disagree
- b. mildly disagree
- c. mildly agree
- d. strongly agree

**5. Wealthy people have a more powerful voice in American democracy than do others.**

- a. strongly disagree
- b. mildly disagree
- c. mildly agree
- d. strongly agree

**6. Choose one of the statements above that you agree with and write one reason why.**

**7. Choose one of the statements above that you disagree with and write one reason why.**

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS YOU READ OVER SECTION 1

**1. Where in the Declaration of Independence can you find references to equality, rights, liberty, opportunity, & democracy?**

**2. Why is the Declaration of Independence an important document?**

**3. Where did founders like Thomas Jefferson get inspiration for the ideals in the Declaration of Independence?**

AS YOU READ SECTIONS 2 THROUGH 6 IN THE TEXT FILL IN THIS TABLE:

Ideal and Excerpt from the Declaration of Independence	Definition	Influence of the Ideal in 1776 and Today
<p><b>Equality</b>                      “All men are created equal.”</p>		
<p><b>Rights</b>                      “They are endowed by their Creator with certain Unalienable Rights.”</p>		
<p><b>Liberty</b>                      “That among these [rights] Are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”</p>		
<p><b>Opportunity</b>                      “That among these [rights] are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”</p>		
<p><b>Democracy</b>                      “That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”</p>		

## Discovering American Ideals in Primary Sources

Work with a partner to record up to four details you observe in each placard's photograph and caption. Decide which of the five ideals the placard relates to, whether positively or negatively, and explain how.

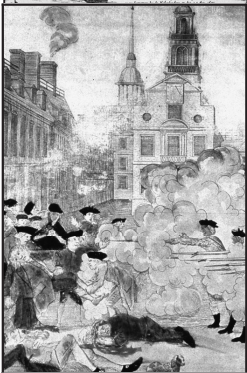
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Details we observed on Placard A:

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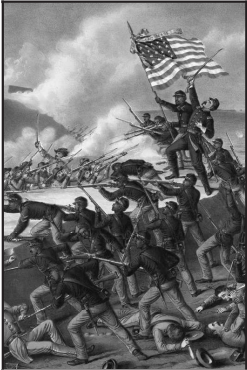
One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard B:

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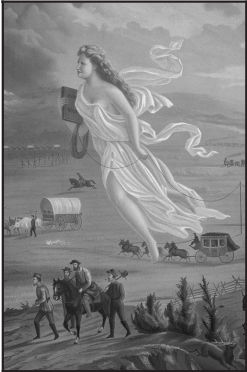
One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard C:

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One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard D:

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. | 4. |

One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

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Details we observed on Placard E:

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. | 4. |

One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard F:

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. | 4. |

One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard G:

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One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_  
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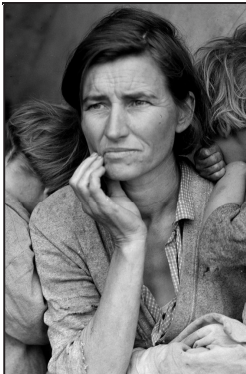


Details we observed on Placard H:

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. | 4. |

One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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Details we observed on Placard I:

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| 1. | 3. |
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One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard J:

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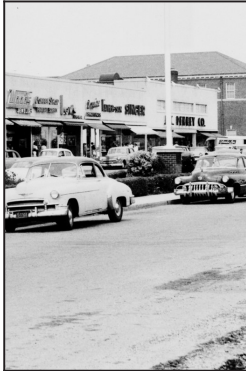
One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard K:

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One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard L:

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. | 4. |

One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

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Details we observed on Placard M:

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| 1. | 3. |
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One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard N:

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| 1. | 3. |
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One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard O:

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. | 4. |

One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard P:

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. | 4. |

One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

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Details we observed on Placard Q:

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. | 4. |

One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



Details we observed on Placard R:

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. | 4. |

One ideal this placard relates to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.