#### The Adoption of Declaration and Constitution of the USA

#### **1.** Answer the questions:

- 1. When did the history of the USA start?
- 2. Who was the first president of the USA?
- 3. How many presidents were there in the history of the USA?
- 4. Which famous names of the American Presidents do you know?

## 2. Listening/Watching the video

Watch the video "Boston Tea Party" and be ready to answer the questions:
What was the reason for the Boston Tea Party?
Who were the Sons of Liberty?
What happened during the event?

https://youtu.be/31tK5C4o8DI

#### 3. Reading

## 1. Read the text and fill in the gaps.

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| Boston lea Party gave start $1_{}$ the American Revolution that started        |
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| 2 April 19, 1775 3 the Americans and the British. During the war               |
| 4July 4, 1776 – the American Congress officially declared Independence         |
| and formed the United States of America 5 adopting the Declaration of          |
| Independence.  |
| At the end of the American Revolution, the new nation 6 still a loose          |
| confederation of states. In 1787, American leaders 7 together and wrote        |
| the Constitution of the United States 8 became the country's basic law.        |
| The men who wrote it included some of the most famous and important figures in |
| American history. 9 them were George Washington and James Madison,             |
| Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin. The authors of the Constitution,     |

| 10 with other early leaders 11 Thomas Jefferson won lasting                           |
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| fame 12 the Founding Fathers of the United States.                                    |
| There was initially a 13 of opposition 14 the new Constitution as many                |
| felt that it did not specifically guarantee enough individual rights. In response, 10 |
| amendments 15 as the Bill of Rights were added 16 the document                        |
| The Bill of Rights became law in 1791. Among other things, it guaranteed freedom      |
| 17speech, the right to bear arms, freedom of religion and the rights to trial         |
| 18 jury. It was not 19 the 1970s or even later that all these rights were             |
| granted 20 Native Americans or black African-Americans.                               |

# 4. Look through the text, find out and write down what the dates and figures below stand for.

April 19, 1775 July 4, 1776 1787 10 1791 the 1970s

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