Did you know?

Declaration of Independence

Hamilton County Schools, TN
4th Grade

Overview of what is taught

Different perspectives are described from loyalists, to patriots, to Native Americans.

EL Education Description and Teacher Talking Points

- In your own words how would you describe the picture the Declaration of Independence paints of American Indians?
  (Response example: Scary people who didn't care about innocent people)
- From this, what can you infer about the treatment of American Indians after the American Revolution and why?
  (Response example: They were probably treated badly, because people thought it was fair to do so as a result of what the Declaration of Independence said.)
- What did Americans believe about American Indians and why?
  (Response example: That they had supported the king and cruel treatment because the Declaration of Independence said so)
- What happened as a result?
  (Response example: They weren't sorry for taking Indian land)

Concerns

- There is no concerning material in the student book, so parents wouldn't know this is being taught
- In one of the 26 articles of the Declaration of Indepence, the founders stated how the king of England had used American Indians to fight against the colonists. Somehow this has been twisted into the Declaration of Independence saying it's okay to mistreat American Indians.