

## SAMPLE ANSWERS Comparing and Contrasting Declarations

Directions: Using the Declaration of Independence and the Declaration of Sentiments from the National Archives, compare and contrast the following questions.

| The Declaration of Independence<br>(1776)                                                                                                                                   | Questions                                     | The Declaration of Sentiments<br>(1848)                                                                                                                      |
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| Its purpose was to declare the American colonies' independence from British rule, justify the rebellion, and outline the philosophical reasons for seeking self-governance. | What was the intended purpose?                | Its purpose was to highlight the inequalities faced by women and demand equal rights, particularly focusing on suffrage, legal reforms, and social equality. |
| British crown (King George III), Parliament, colonists                                                                                                                      | Who was the intended audience?                | Americans, lawmakers, men, women                                                                                                                             |
| Assertive and self-determined in their right to rebel and stand up to a tyrannical leader.                                                                                  | What do the tone and message convey?          | Passionate and urgent, plays on the parallel of the same tone/message as the Declaration of Independence, but focuses on women.                              |
| Taxation without representation, denial of trial by jury, quartering soldiers, trade, laws                                                                                  | What are some of the major grievances listed? | Lack of voting rights, lack of educational/ employment opportunities, unequal treatment under the law                                                        |
| Promises the establishment of a government that derives its powers from the consent of the governed, with goals of liberty, justice, and self-governance.                   | What were the promises and goals?             | Promises to fight for women's rights and equality, with goals of achieving suffrage, legal reforms, and social equality.                                     |