

Translations to use with the Declaration of Independence Matrix  
Using scissors, separate each of the translations.

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Translation A: England has repeatedly interfered with colonists' rights. In doing so, it has unfairly ruled over the American colonies.

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Translation B: Individuals have some basic rights that are obvious and should not be taken away. Freedom, for example, is one of those rights.

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Translation C: We now consider ourselves to be an independent country.

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Translation D: Here is proof that England had interfered with colonial rights: the King has not allowed laws that help colonists the most.

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Translation E: When one group of people is going to break away from a country to form its own nation, then they should explain why they are doing it.

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Translation F: When a government is taking away the rights of citizens and is not doing what the people want, then the citizens have the right to change or replace the government.

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Translation G: Every time we colonists felt we were being treated unfairly, we wrote the King. He answered by treating us more unfairly. A ruler who abuses his power should not be able to rule us.

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Translation H: Governments are formed to make sure people's rights are protected. Government power should come from the people.

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