*Directions – Your groups have been assigned a position on the Declaration of Independence, based upon your Choices reading, *February 1776 – The Moment of Decision*. You will either be assigned to (1) *Restore the Ties of Loyalty*, (2) *Create a More Perfect Union*, (3) *Defend Our Rights as Englishmen*, (4) *Fight for Independence*. Answer the following questions based upon which side you have been assigned (or if you are doing this for homework, pick one side).

1. Which side will your group argue in the Declaration of Independence debate?

2. Summarize the background, beliefs and assumptions underlying your option:

3. List the supporting arguments for your option, including how the current situation and the historical record proves your idea is the best:
4. Either on this sheet, or on a separate sheet of paper, write a 1 page speech that describes (1) which option your side represents, (2) your ideas about the Declaration of Independence, (3) what the effects of passage of the Independence will be, and (4) what the colonists must do now that war is being fought and Independence is in the hearts and minds of many: