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Working with a partner, discuss the related resources from John Locke, the Declaration of Independence, as well as the Declaration of Sentiments from the Seneca Falls Convention to answer the following questions.

1. Jefferson chose to begin the Declaration with the words, "The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America." Do you feel this was necessary? Why or why not? Could the 13 colonies have declared independence if they were not unanimous? Why or why not?

2. Next, review the two sections of John Locke's *Two Treatises of Government*. In your own words, how does Jefferson use Locke's ideas in the preamble of the Declaration?

3. According to Jefferson, what was the purpose of government? What does Jefferson suggest should happen whenever government becomes "destructive of the ends for which it was created?" According to Jefferson, how do governments derive their powers?

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4. Next, look at the list of grievances that Jefferson lists as reasons that the King has violated the natural rights of the colonists. Below, list the three grievances that you feel are the worst violations. Explain why you believe them to be important. Also, note that Jefferson points to King George III in his list of grievances despite the fact that Parliament passed the acts and approved the taxes that led to the colonists calling for independence. The King, on the other hand, was a monarch with limited power. Why would Jefferson blame the King for the problems leading to the Declaration? Explain your view.

5. Looking at the ***Declaration of Sentiments*** and the ***Declaration of Independence***, what are three specific examples of how they are similar in content and philosophy?

6. Why would the women and men at the Seneca Falls convention in 1848 have used Locke's philosophy and Jefferson's model to air their grievances?