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**Analyzing the Declaration of Independence**

*Directions: After reading the Declaration of Independence, use the following chart to analyze specific excerpts. Use the columns on the right to rewrite the excerpts in your own words.*

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| **Excerpt from Declaration of Independence**  | **What does this statement mean?**  | **Rewrite in your own words** | **Which Enlightenment ideas are expressed in this passage?**  |
| “When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another…” |  |  |  |
| “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” |  |  |  |
| “That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just power from the consent of the govern.” |  |  |  |
| “For imposing taxes on us without our consent…” |  |  |  |
| “He has affected to render the military independent of and superior to civil power.” |  |  |  |
| “In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury.” |  |  |  |