Chapter 9; section 4: DECLARING INDEPENDENCE

MATERIALS NEEDED: America’s: Past and Promise textbook from Mr. Saunders.

ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS:

a. Questions are to be written in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

b. Key Terms do not have to be complete sentences.

DIRECTIONS: Read pp. 188 - 193; Answer #1-5 in SECTION REVIEW. Key Terms do not have to be complete sentences. Questions are to be written in COMPLETE SENTENCES. Write answers on the lines below. Go on back if needed.

SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS –
- Wrote the Declaration of Independence
- Chose George Washington as head of Continental Army.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE –
- Written by Thomas Jefferson
- Announced America’s separation from England/Britain.
- It listed the reasons/justifications for separating from England.
- Included a belief in UNALIENABLE RIGHTS – rights that cannot be taken away because the Founding Fathers believed God gave them to people.
- People are born with these rights.

COMMON SENSE –
- Written by Thomas Paine
- 3 main points Paine thought should be obvious to all Americans and make logical sense –
  1) All monarchies (kings, queens, emperors, etc..) are corrupt (they do whatever they want for their own selfish interest, even break the law).
  2) American goods can be sold and traded in Europe without the help of England – we can do it on our own!
  3) America has its own destiny to follow apart from England’s.

TWO MAIN ARGUMENTS AGAINST DECLARING INDEPENDENCE AND GOING TO WAR WITH ENGLAND
- 1) The King deserved America’s loyalty. He is their sovereign and head of the Church of England!
- 2) FEAR!!! No one can defeat the British military! France couldn’t! Spain couldn’t! How can a bunch of farming colonies without a navy or a professional army do it?!!
  - It is too big, too strong, too well trained, too well supplied!