

Worksheet 1. So What Are You Going to Do About It?

Student Name _____ Date _____

Directions: As you begin to compose your “declaration”, first consider these questions as a group. Then compose the best answer to each.

The Complaints

<i>Questions/Sections</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Parts of Your Argument</i>
<p>To whom would you send your complaints? Why? In what frame of mind would you want them to be?</p> <p>What reasons would you give for your decision to write out your complaints?</p> <p><i>Section: Preamble</i></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes you think your complaints are worthwhile? • Aren't there good reasons why things are the way they are? Why should things as they are be changed? • What is the basis for your beliefs? • Would it be possible to summarize the thinking behind your desire for change in a single sentence? <p><i>Section: Statement of beliefs, or the thinking behind the complaints</i></p>		

Declare the Causes: The Argument of the Declaration of Independence

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there anything in particular the reader should notice about your complaints?• Is there anything you need to keep in mind to make sure your audience understands and appreciates your complaints?• What kinds of facts or events inspired your complaints?• What order should they be presented in? <p><i>Section: List of complaints</i></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you already tried to make any changes in the treatment of young people?• In what way? <p><i>Part: Prior attempts to redress grievances</i></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is it possible to say in a single sentence what it is you really want to happen?• It would take time to change the system to accommodate all of your complaints. What should happen right away?		

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<p><i>Section: Declaration of independence</i></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What would you be willing to put forward to prove the seriousness of your attention?• What is most valuable to you that you might be willing to give up to have your cause succeed? <p><i>Section: Oath</i></p>		