

Writing of the Declaration of Independence

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QUESTIONS FROM THE PLAY

To be discussed as a class after the play is performed..

1. Where was Adams born? The college he attended? His profession before the war?	
2. What famous group of soldiers did he defend?	
3. Why did he decide to defend these unpopular figures?	
4. How did that case turn out?	
5. What did King George do that made the Continental Congress realize there was no turning back?	
6. What strategic value did declaring independence have? What hope did the signers have?	
7. Who was on the committee to draw up a Declaration of Independence?	
8. What fear did Adams have about the South?	
9. Why did Adams choose Jefferson to write it?	
10. List the reasons Adams gave Jefferson for choosing him?	1. 2. 3.
11. What anti-slavery line did Jefferson include in the draft?	
12. Why didn't the Northern state push the issue of slavery and end it then?	
13. What did John Hancock say the men pledged as they signed?	
14. Why did Hancock sign his name so large?	
15. What did Washington have done with the Declaration?	