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## The Declaration of Independence's Influence Around the World

### OPENING THE CONVERSATION

1. Armitage explores the Declaration's global influence. What stood out most to you?
2. What idea or argument from this essay stayed with you?

### CLOSE READING AND INTERPRETATION

3. Why did the Declaration resonate beyond the United States?
4. How have other nations adapted its ideas?
5. What makes a political document travel across cultures?

### EXPLORING TENSIONS

6. Should the United States continue to look outward for ideas?
7. What responsibilities come with the global influence of the Declaration?

### REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

8. Where do you see the Declaration's influence in the world today?
9. How does this perspective reshape your understanding of American history?

### CLOSING REFLECTION

10. What does this essay suggest about the universality of the Declaration's principles?