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**The Declaration's Grievances
Against the King**

OPENING THE CONVERSATION

1. What stood out most to you in the list of grievances against the king?
2. What idea or argument from this essay stayed with you?

CLOSE READING AND INTERPRETATION

3. How do these grievances justify independence?
4. What do they reveal about colonial concerns?
5. How do they connect to broader principles in the Declaration?

EXPLORING TENSIONS

6. Which grievances feel most relevant today, if any?
7. What makes a political argument persuasive?

REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

8. What do these grievances suggest about the relationship between government and the governed?
9. Where do you see similar concerns today?

CLOSING REFLECTION

10. How does this essay deepen your understanding of the Declaration?