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Thesis: Jefferson argues America needs independence by establishing a perfect government, showing evidence by Britain’s tyrannical rule and concluding that the 13 colonies are free and independent.

Topic Sentences:

1. Government should be controlled by the people and be for the people

A. Every human has the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness

B. Destructive governments need to be destroyed and remade

2. The king of Britain is a tyrant

A. He won’t pass laws for the public good

-Refused Assent to laws

- Refused to let his governors pass laws

B. He goes against the law when it suits him

- forces judges to bow to his will

- refused the Assent of laws

C. Always uses force to hold control on America

- kept armies in America during peace time

- Military is separate and above Civil power

- His military is immune to Americas laws

3. A formal declaration that the 13 colonies are free and independent states and are no longer tied to the British crown.

A. The King is unfit to rule the colonies

B. The colonials are tired of excess taxation and are not fans of taxation without representation, and they are willing to govern themselves