Answer the following questions:

* State the purpose of the writing.

To list the colonists’ grievances against the English Monarch’s rule

* Name all the "truths" Jefferson states or implies.
  + All men are created equal.
  + They are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights.
    - Life.
    - Liberty.
    - Pursuit of Happiness.
  + To secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.
  + That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety and Happiness.
* What is the purpose of governments?
  + To secure the unalienable Rights of Life, Liberty, and the Persuit of Happiness.
* How does Jefferson justify the rebellion?
  + o That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government.
* In your opinion, what are the five (5) worst offenses the king made?  In what ways did the colonies try to rectify the problem?

Next, read Colin Powell's "Our Obligation as Patriots" on page 476 of your text.  Answer the following questions:

* What does Powell mean that Jefferson and others "were willing to sign away everything... to bring those words to life"?
* Powell concedes that America is not perfect.  What do you see as needing improvement in America (politically) and how could you, as a single citizen, address that need?
* What do you see as the primary goal of America?