Review the Declaration of Independence on pages 40-43 of your text or listen to it at [The History Place: American Revolution](http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/revolution/decindep.htm).

Declaration of Independence

Answer the following questions:

* State the purpose of the writing.
* Name all the "truths" Jefferson states or implies.
* What is the purpose of governments?
* How does Jefferson justify the rebellion?
* 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?