

# Quickwrite

- Samantha and John have been dating for 6 months, but Samantha has been wary of some of John's mysterious behavior. She's noticed him talking to other girls at lunch, he doesn't answer her texts anymore, and now suddenly he's friends with a new person named Amanda on his Facebook. In a fury she goes home and sits down at the table with a pen and a piece of paper and begins to write...

**DO NOW:** Write the letter that you think Samantha is about to write

# Break Up Letter Requirements

- MUST HAVE:

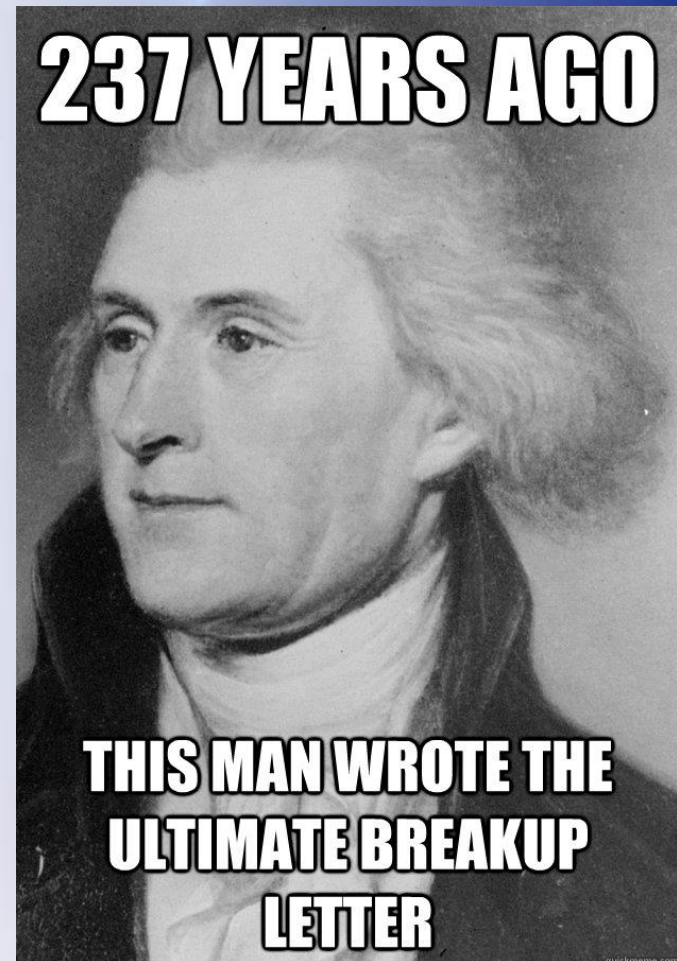
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# Requirements for a break up letter

1. Declare your separation
  - “We are breaking up” / “We are done”
2. Define your rights
  - “I don’t deserve this” / “I have the right to be treated well!”
3. Specify complaints
  - “You cheated on me” / “You lied”
4. Declare yourself to be free and independent
  - “We’re done, I’m single” / “See ya JERK!”

# The Declaration of Independence

- The colonists have had enough, and on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776 Thomas Jefferson wrote a letter to the King of England
- This was quickly known as the greatest breakup letter of all time



# This week!

- We will read this break up letter and understand why we (the colonists) broke up with England
- After we're done, *YOU* will rewrite the Declaration of Independence as a break up letter, citing specific reasons why we ended our relationship with England

## Lets preview the text

- Pick up your copy of the Declaration of Independence reading
- Look over the document, turn and talk at your tables of what you notice



# Vocabulary

- Lets define some of the terms you're going to come across in the reading
- As we go over the four sections, write the terms/definitions in the open space on the left hand side (where the text is)

# Section 1 – the introduction

- unanimous – fully in agreement
- dissolve – to make disappear
- impel – force



## Section 2 – Statement of Principles

- unalienable – cant take away
- abolish – to destroy
- transient – changing
- evinces – to give a voice to
- Despotism - desperate
- candid- honest

## Part 3 – Grievances Against the British

- assent - agree
- relinquish – to give up
- depository – a storage place
- fatiguing - tiring
- dissolutions – to undo or break apart
- obstructed – blocking
- arbitrary - unlimited power, unrestricted
- abdicated - to renounce or give up
- perfidy – to deliberately lie to
- Redress - relief

# Part 4 – Declaration of Independence from Great Britain

- unwarrantable - unfair
- emigration – to move from one place to another
- disavow - disown
- usurpations – to take over
- consanguinity – close relationship
- acquiesce – to comply with

## First Read (I Do)

- Teacher will read the document aloud
- As I read, your task is to **underline** any additional words or phrases that you don't know
- Make sure you're following along as I read, it's a long document!




# Declaration of Independence Video

- As we view the video, look for examples you heard from the Declaration of Independence that are integrated into the song!



# Second Read (We Do)

- Now you're going to read with a partner
- As you read with your partner, your task is to translate the text, putting it in modern terms

| <u>Text</u>                                 | <u>My thoughts/Notes</u>   |
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| <b>UNDERLINE</b><br>words you<br>don't know |  = important <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Translate text</li></ul>  = confused/ ?? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write a question</li><li>• Teacher translates confusing phrase</li></ul>  = original idea |

## Third (and final) read (You Do!)

- For your last and final read, you will look for helpful evidence that will assist you when you write your own version of the Declaration of Independence
- **Highlight the text in yellow** when you find evidence of any of the following break up letter characteristics:
  - 1. Declaration of separation
  - 2. Define of your rights
  - 3. Specify complaints
  - 4. Declaration of independence

# Final Assessment

- Now that you've successfully translated and understand the purpose of the Declaration of Independence, its time to write your break up letter!!
- Use the graphic organizer to pre-write your letter
- Final versions should follow the prescribed format laid out in the rubric!