**Relationship between the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.**

At the Constitutional Convention in 1787, the Framers wanted to make sure the injustices caused by the King and Parliament were not repeated by the new central government. In each question below, you will see a *grievance* taken straight from the Declaration of Independence. Below that, you will see a *problem* the framers wanted to avoid with the new government. You must list the location of the *solution,* **AND** explain how the Constitution solves that problem. Where appropriate, I have provided you with the section and clause to help you find the solution.

1. *Grievance*  He has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

*Problem* How to prevent the president from stopping passage of laws that people want and need.

*Solution* Article \_\_\_I\_\_\_\_\_\_, Section 7, clause 2.

Congress can override a presidential veto with a 2/3 vote in each house.

2. *Grievance*  He has refused to pass other laws… unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature

*Problem* How to prevent the president from denying representation in the legislature.

*Solution* Article \_\_\_\_I\_\_\_\_\_, Section 2, clause 3.

Each state gets representatives based on their population.

3. *Grievance*  He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable and distant from… public records.

*Problem* How to prevent the president from calling a session of Congress in and out of the way place.

*Solution* Article \_\_\_\_I\_\_\_\_\_, Section 8, clause 17.

The nation’s capital will be Washington, DC, and that is where the congress meets.

4. *Grievance*  He has refused… To cause others to be elected.

*Problem* How to prevent the president from preventing elections.

*Solution* Article \_\_\_\_I\_\_\_\_\_, Sections 2-4; or Amendment XVII

Members of the house are elected every 2 years. Senators are elected every 6 years.

5. *Grievance*  He has made judges dependent on his will a loan for the tenure of their offices, and the amount of payment of their salaries.

*Problem* How to prevent the president from placing judges under his control.

*Solution* Article \_\_\_\_\_\_3\_\_\_, Section 1.

Judges serve for life, so the president can’t fire them.

6. *Grievance*  He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies without the consent of our legislature.

*Problem* How to prevent the president from increasing standing armies without the consent of Congress.

*Solution* Article \_\_\_\_I\_\_\_\_\_, Section 8, clause 12; or Article \_\_\_\_I\_\_\_\_\_, Section 10, clause 3.

Congress decides how big the armed forces will be.

7. *Grievance*  … For quartering large bodies of troops among us.

*Problem* How to prevent the president from stationing troops wherever he pleases.

*Solution* Amendment III

Troops may not be quartered in homes without the owner’s consent during peacetime.

8. *Grievance*  He has combined with others for cutting off our trade with all parts of the world.

*Problem* How to prevent the president from interfering with trade.

*Solution* Article \_\_\_\_\_I\_\_\_\_, Section 8, clause 3.

Congress has the power to regulate trade.

9. *Grievance*  He has combined with others for imposing taxes on us without our consent.

*Problem* How to prevent the president from passing additional taxes without the consent of the legislature.

*Solution* Article \_\_\_\_\_I\_\_\_\_, Section 7, clause 1; or Article \_\_\_\_\_\_I\_\_\_, Section 8, clause 1.

All tax bills must originate I nthe House of Representatives.

10. *Grievance*  He has combined with others for taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our government.

*Problem* How to prevent the president from changing our system of government.

*Solution* Article V: ¾ of the states must agree to change the Constitution.