

**Worksheet 1. So What Are You Going to Do About It?**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: As you begin to compose your “declaration”, first consider these questions as a group. Then compose the best answer to each.

*The Complaints*

<i>Questions/Sections</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Parts of Your Argument</i>
<p>To whom would you send your complaints? Why? In what frame of mind would you want them to be?</p> <p>What reasons would you give for your decision to write out your complaints?</p> <p><b><i>Section: Preamble</i></b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What makes you think your complaints are worthwhile?</li> <li>• Aren't there good reasons why things are the way they are? Why should things as they are be changed?</li> <li>• What is the basis for your beliefs?</li> <li>• Would it be possible to summarize the thinking behind your desire for change in a single sentence?</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Section: Statement of beliefs, or the thinking behind the complaints</i></b></p>		

**Declare the Causes: The Argument of the Declaration of Independence**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is there anything in particular the reader should notice about your complaints?</li><li>• Is there anything you need to keep in mind to make sure your audience understands and appreciates your complaints?</li><li>• What kinds of facts or events inspired your complaints?</li><li>• What order should they be presented in?</li></ul> <p><b><i>Section: List of complaints</i></b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have you already tried to make any changes in the treatment of young people?</li><li>• In what way?</li></ul> <p><b><i>Part: Prior attempts to redress grievances</i></b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is it possible to say in a single sentence what it is you really want to happen?</li><li>• It would take time to change the system to accommodate all of your complaints. What should happen right away?</li></ul>		

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<p><b><i>Section: Declaration of independence</i></b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What would you be willing to put forward to prove the seriousness of your attention?</li><li>• What is most valuable to you that you might be willing to give up to have your cause succeed?</li></ul> <p><b><i>Section: Oath</i></b></p>		