The Declaration of Independence was written by Thomas Jefferson.

It says that the authority to govern belongs to the people, not to kings.

It says that all people are created equal.

It says that all people have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Teaching Tips: Make a shutter fold. To do this, pinch the paper in the middle where a hamburger crease would be. Then use the pinch as a guide to bring both sides to the middle, making a shutter. Glue the 4 statements about the Dec. of Ind.. to the inside the shutter. Glue the document on top, slicing it in the middle after gluing to allow the shutter to open. Add drawings beside the statements to show additional meaning.