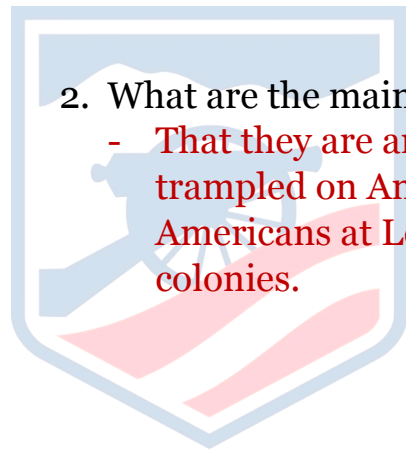




Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Primary Source - Teacher Answer Key

1. Why do you think people are hesitant to accept the Mecklenburg Declaration as real?
 - If the Mecklenburg Declaration was proved to be real, it would pre-date the Declaration of Independence, meaning that the ideas in the Mecklenburg Declaration would be credited with the famous phrases that are in the Declaration of Independence.



2. What are the main grievances against the British in the Declaration?
 - That they are an enemy to the inalienable rights of man, that they trampled on America's rights and liberties, that they killed Americans at Lexington, and that they ignored the laws of the colonies.

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3. What are some similarities between this Declaration and the July 4, 1776 Declaration of Independence?
 - Both call for independence from Britain, reference the inalienable rights of man, and they both accuse Great Britain of trampling on their rights.