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Reactions and Legacy of the Declaration of Independence

Definition “Primary Source”: the raw materials of history—original documents and objects that were created at the time under study (Library of Congress)

Directions:

- Select two primary sources reflecting on the reactions or legacy of the Declaration of Independence.
- Read the two documents and answer the comparison questions below.

Title		
Who created this primary source?		
When was this primary source created?		
Summarize the key points made in this source regarding the outcome and legacy of the Declaration of Independence		
Describe the tone of the source. Is the perspective on the Declaration of Independence positive, negative, or neutral?		

<p>Assess the potential bias in this source. Does the author seem to have a particular agenda or perspective?</p>		
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Comparison and Reflection: Compare the perspectives from both sources. What commonalities and differences do you observe in their views on the outcome and legacy of the Declaration of Independence?

Historical Context: Consider the historical context in which these sources were created. How might the time period and events influence the perspectives presented?

Relevance to Modern Understanding: Reflect on how the perspectives presented in these sources might be relevant to our modern understanding of the Declaration of Independence.