**Personal Declaration of Independence**

Now that you understand the basic format of the Declaration of Independence, it is time for you to declare yourself independent from any rule, law, or institution that you feel has suppressed or usurped your rights.

You will write a declaration and present it to the class. You will be graded on both the written document and the presentation. You must have a typed copy on Wednesday, 2/22. (Please note that time may not allow a peer edit day, so be prepared for this version of your document to be counted as the final).

**Requirements for your declaration:**

Title

Four Parts

Introduction

Preamble/Declaration of Rights

List of Grievances (Minimum of five)

Resolution (includes statement of purpose and pledge)

Rhetorical devices (must use **at least** **three** different devices, may use some more than once, **highlight and identify each** device on your final document)

Persuasive techniques (must use **at least one of each** – logical, ethical, and emotional, **highlight and identify each** technique on your final document)

Clear organization (matches the original document, flows, makes sense)

Free from grammar, spelling, and usage errors

See peer edit sheet for additional help

**Keep the following in mind:**

Remember your audience; do not intentionally insult anyone.

If you do not present your declaration, the best possible grade you will receive is a 69.

Ten points will be deducted for each day your declaration is late, no credit will be given after 4 days.