The Declaration of Independence:
The Best Break Up Letter Ever!
What would **YOU** write in a break up letter?
The Declaration of Independence has been meaningful to Americans ever since it was written:

- Lincoln referred to it in the Gettysburg Address as an example of how important it was to keep the union together.
- Women at the Seneca Falls Convention used the language in the Declaration to declare the rights of women.
- Abolitionists use the principals in the Declaration as examples of why the practice of slavery was wrong.
Objective: You will be rewording sections of the Declaration into modern language.

- This should not be a word-for-word translation.
- Rewrite it in a way that is easy for you to understand.
- Use everyday language.
- You will find that your rewording will become shorter than the original, but it should still retain the original meaning.
When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.