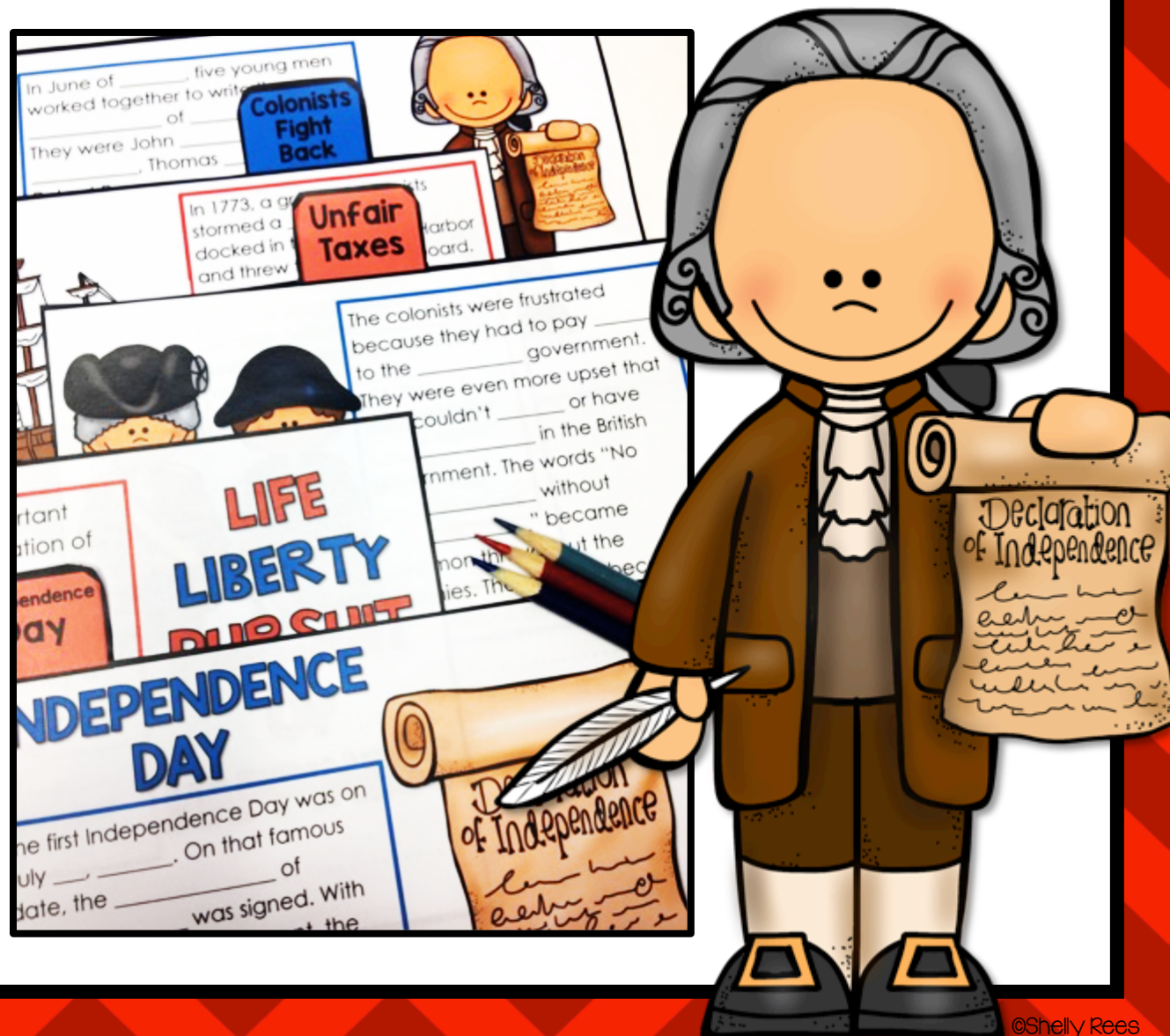


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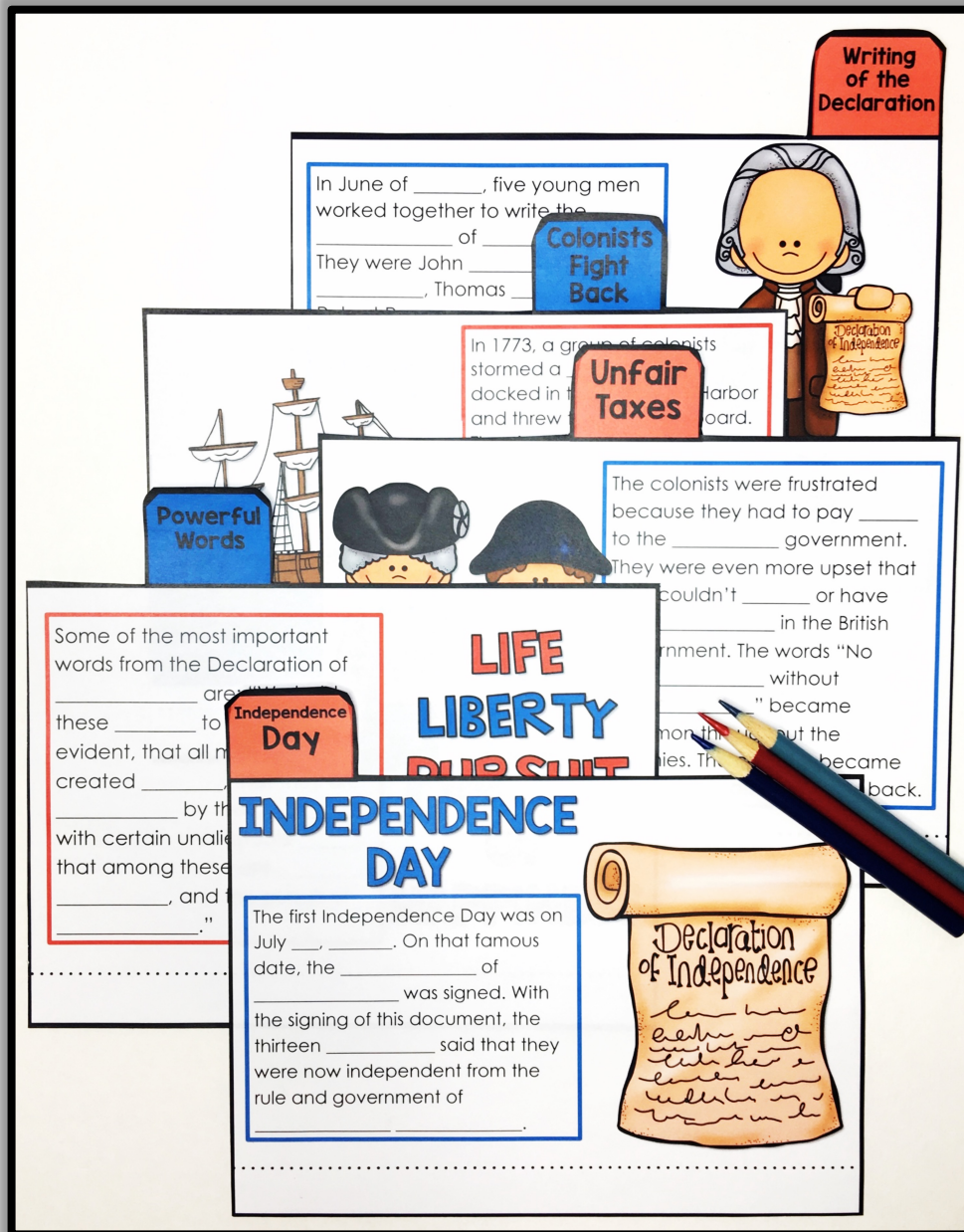
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Tab 5

Writing  
of the  
Declaration

In June of \_\_\_\_\_, five young men  
worked to \_\_\_\_\_

They were \_\_\_\_\_

Robert R. \_\_\_\_\_

of the writ  
Congress  
independe  
\_\_\_\_\_ days  
finished. Th

Tab 3

Unfair  
Taxes



The colonists were fru  
because they had to  
to the \_\_\_\_\_ go  
They were even more

Tab 4

Colonists  
Fight  
Back



In 1773, a group of colonists  
stormed a \_\_\_\_\_ ship  
docked in the \_\_\_\_\_ Harbor  
and threw the \_\_\_\_\_ overboard.  
Then in 1774, the British  
government paid back the  
colonists with the \_\_\_\_\_ Acts

Tab 1

Independence  
Day

INDEPENDENCE  
DAY

The first Independence Day was on  
July \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. On that famous  
date, the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ was signed. With  
the signing of this document, the  
thirteen \_\_\_\_\_ said that they  
were now independent from the  
rule and government of \_\_\_\_\_.



Powerful  
Words

Tab 2

Some of the most important  
words from the Declaration of  
\_\_\_\_\_ are: "We hold  
these \_\_\_\_\_ to be self-  
evident, that all men are  
created \_\_\_\_\_, that they are  
\_\_\_\_\_ by their \_\_\_\_\_  
with certain unalienable \_\_\_\_\_,  
that among these are \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and the pursuit of  
\_\_\_\_\_."

LIFE  
LIBERTY  
PURSUIT  
OF  
HAPPINESS

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## Informational Passage & Answer Keys

**Tab 4**  
**Answer Key**

**Colonists Fight Back**



In 1773, a group of colonists stormed a **British** ship docked in the **Boston** Harbor and threw the **tea** overboard. Then in 1774, the British government paid back the colonists with the **Coercive** Acts. Later that year, colonial leaders met in the First **Continental Congress**. In 1775, the **Revolutionary War** began with the "shot heard 'round the world." Even more colonists now wanted independence and were ready to fight for freedom.

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The informational passage includes all the needed information to complete the flip book!

**Independence Day**

Some of the most important words ever written are from the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." With this statement, America said it no longer wanted to part of the British Empire. Did you ever wonder what the story behind those words was?

When the Declaration was written, America had many problems. The colonies were frustrated with England. People living in the thirteen colonies were tired of paying taxes to the British government. They were mostly upset that they didn't even get to vote or have their own representatives in the British government to vote about these taxes. That's where the words "no taxation without representation" came from.

The colonists' protests became more serious in 1773. Colonists stormed onto a British ship docked in the Boston Harbor and threw boxes full of tea overboard. This was called the Boston Tea Party. In 1774, the British Parliament (government) paid back the colonists with the Coercive Acts. They wanted to make an example of Massachusetts. The Acts tried to take away Massachusetts' right to have their own government. It also closed Boston's port until Massachusetts paid for the tea that was thrown overboard during the Boston Tea Party. The colonists hated the Coercive Acts. These acts became known as the Intolerable Acts.

In 1774, leaders from the thirteen colonies had a meeting to figure out what to do. That meeting is known as the **First Continental Congress**. At that meeting, those leaders decided to boycott, or stop buying, British goods. They also sent a letter to the king to try to get him to take back the Intolerable Acts. It didn't work. By 1775, the Revolutionary War began with the famous "shot heard 'round the world".

Many leaders in the colonies still hoped for peace. The king ignored a second letter from the colonists. Britain tried even harder to stop the Americans from fighting back. They even hired German soldiers to attack the colonies. It didn't work. Even more colonists now wanted independence and were ready to stand for their freedom.

In June of 1776, five young men got together to write a Declaration of Independence. They were John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman. The men decided that Jefferson should be the one to actually write the declaration. When the document was shared with Congress, everyone worked together to edit it. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Congress voted to become independent from Britain. Two days later the declaration was finished. The Declaration of Independence was published. That day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, became one of the most important dates in the history of the United States. Independence Day was born!

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