

LICENCE TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE

Learning Objective: The students will

Arrange in alphabetical order by the name of the state the license plates and determine what important American document is revealed.

TEKS: 8.16; 8.19A; Govt.13B

Materials Needed: Set of license plates per group, copy of the paragraph from the Declaration of Independence

Teaching Strategy:

1. Divide the class up into groups of three. Pass out a set of license plates to each group and tell them to arrange the license plates in alphabetical order by the states. Once they have completed arranging the license plates, have the students guess which document the plates are describing. *An alternative strategy is to let the students use the Declaration as a guide, and not tell them about the alphabetical order in putting together the puzzle.*
2. Place a transparency of the opening words of the Declaration on the overhead projector and have the students choral read the passage. Turn the overhead projector off and have the students choral read the preamble from the licence plates.
3. Using the blank license plates, have the students come up with their own puzzles using the amendments in the Bill of Rights or other key American documents.

Extension for GT/AP:

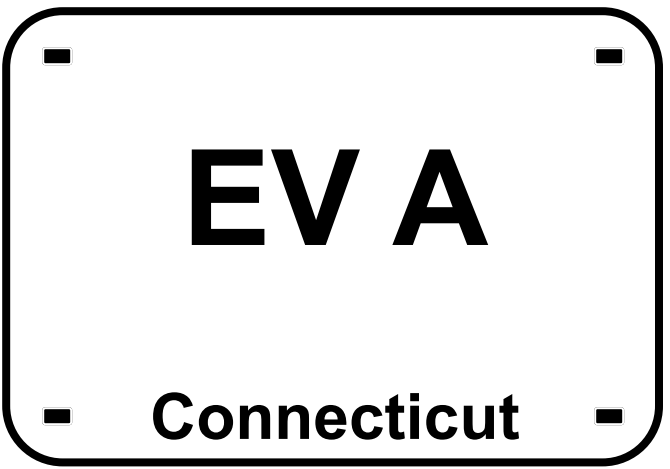
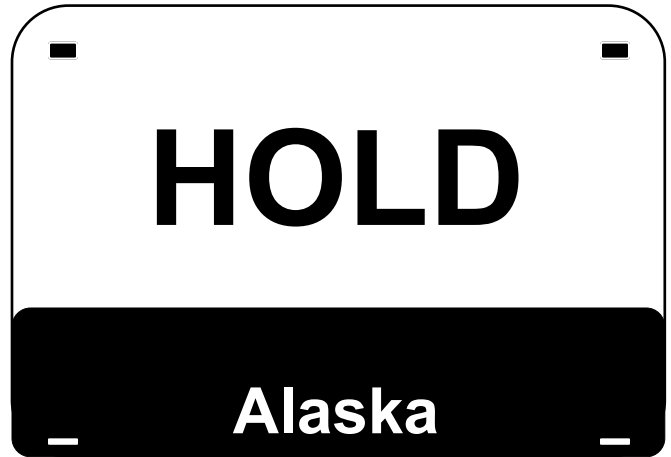
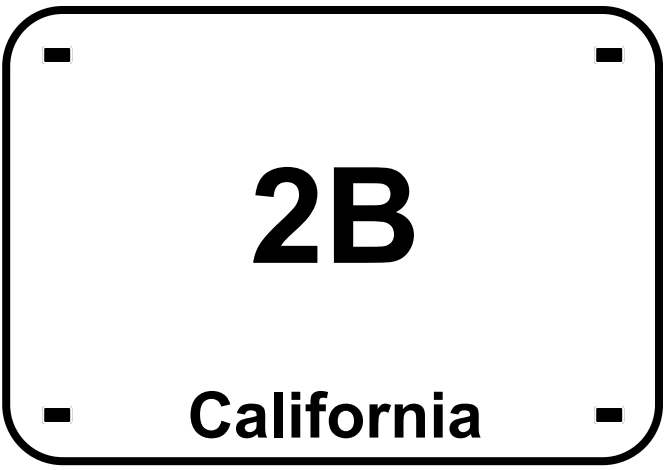
Students will choose the phrase from the Declaration that has the greatest impact on their lives, personally and illustrate its importance through the creation of a commemorative stamp.

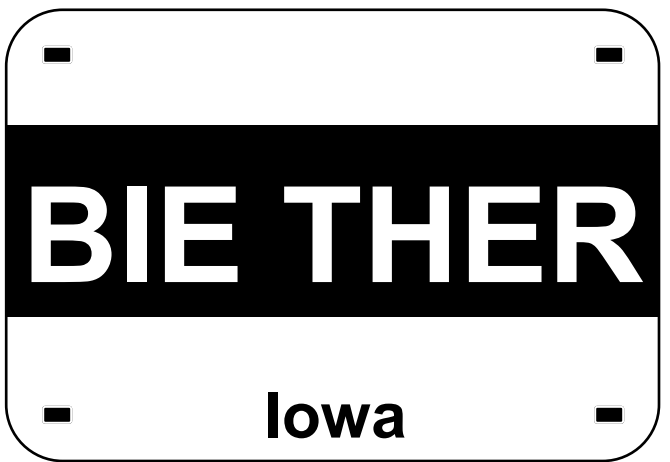
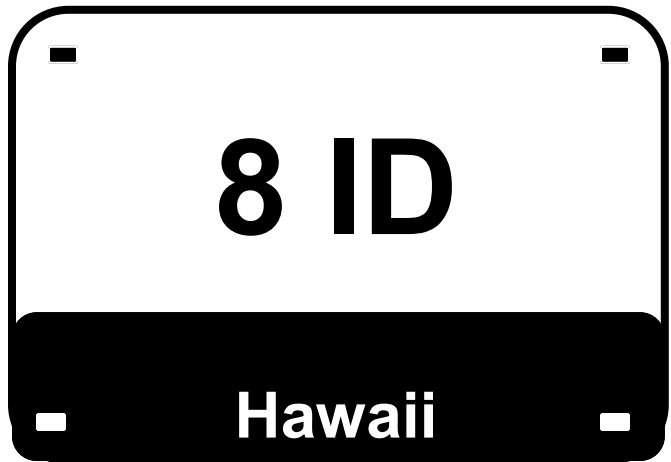
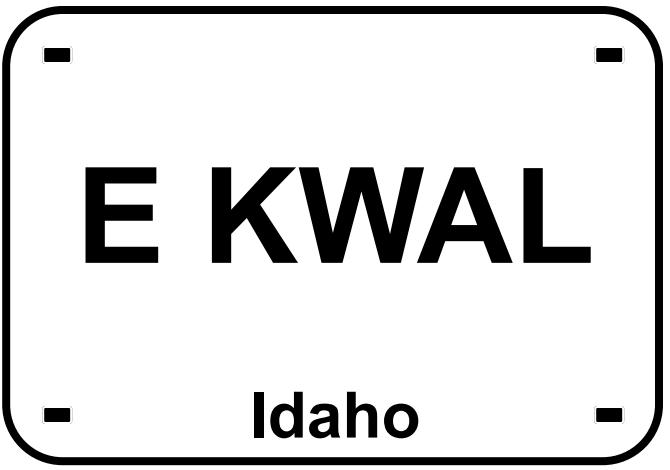
License plates from a poster in the American History Smithsonian Museum, Washington, D.C.



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.

That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed. . .





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