1776 Clips and Questions \*Times are about 1:20 behind on the online video

Clip 1 – Sit Down, John - 2:31 – 6:49 (online 2:34 – 6:52)

1. Why do you think most of the Continental Congress does not even want to discuss independence?
2. How do they avoid the question of voting for independence?

Clip 2 - Agree to debate - 37:15 – 46:17 (online 37:44 – 48:00)

1. What is the difference between an ox and a bull? How does that relate to Franklin’s quote about them?
2. How does Rutledge’s argument towards the end of the clip foreshadow the coming debates over states’ rights?

Clip 3 - Who writes it? - 59:26 – 1:07:16 (online 56:46 – 1:05:00)

1. Why did Adams not write the Declaration?
2. Why was Jefferson chosen to write the Declaration?

Clip 4 - Offending Clause - 2:00:43 – 2:04:05 (online 1:59:39 – 2:04:05)

1. What problem did the southern colonies have with Jefferson’s first draft of the Declaration?
2. Why did Adams and Jefferson want to end slavery with the Declaration?

Clip 5 – Ratification of the Declaration - 2:29:10 – 2:32:00 (online 2:27:30 – 2:30:00)

1. The ratification of the Declaration had to be unanimous. How did the question of slavery almost stop its ratification?
2. What might have happened if the offending clause was not removed? Consider the duration of slavery, the Civil War and the American Revolution?