

## US1.6b

New political ideas led to a desire for independence and democratic government in the American colonies. The declaration of Independence proclaimed independence from England. It stated that people have natural (inherent) rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

### Ideas of John Locke

People have natural rights to life, liberty and property.

Government is created to protect the rights of people and has only the limited and specific powers the people consent to give it.

### Key philosophies in the Declaration of Independence

People have certain inalienable rights (rights that cannot be taken away) of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

People establish government to protect those rights.

Government derives power from the people

People have a right and a duty to change a government that violates their rights.

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the causes and results of the American Revolution by b) identifying how political ideas shaped the revolutionary movement in America and led to the Declaration of Independence, with emphasis on the ideas of John Locke.