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III. Three or four complaints
Specifically describe three or four grievances.

IV. Resolution
State in your own words that all other efforts have failed and therefore this is the only acceptable resolution.

V. Signature
Sign your document.

Note: Please be sure to pattern the rhetorical devices (including parallel structure, anaphora, antithesis, metaphors, strong verbs, etc.) used in the Declaration. Have fun with the assignment. Students may work in small groups to get ideas, but each student should turn in his/her own Declaration. Be original. Have fun. You may wish to suggest changes for the school, your town, your state, your home, teen life, your country, etc. Be creative. When you're satisfied with your document, create a poster or other presentation for display.
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