1776 Viewing Guide

Answer the following questions while watching the movie *1776* to help you write your Diary of a Delegate.

1. What is the other delegates’ opinion of John Adams?

2. How do John Adams and Ben Franklin feel about independence?

3. Who proposes the resolution for independence?

4. Which colonies are in favor of a debate on independence? Which colonies are against a debate on independence?

5. Which four men are on the Declaration committee? Who ends up writing the Declaration?
6. Who is the president of the Second Continental Congress?

7. Which colony always “abstains courteously” during the voting? Why?

8. Which major issue does the South insist on leaving out of the Declaration?

9. Why did John Hancock sign the Declaration so large?

10. What did the men joke about that they were committing by signing the Declaration?

11. What was the feeling during the signing of the Declaration? What about immediately after when the messages from General Washington arrive and the bells are ringing?