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Founding Fathers

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Have you ever heard of the term, “Founding Fathers?” You may have wondered just who these men were and what they did to earn this title. Not everyone agrees on who should be given this title, but generally speaking, our Founding Fathers were the statesmen who worked to secure our independence from Great Britain in 1776. Our Founding Fathers founded our nation and designed our country’s government that still



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right, as the Declaration of Independence states, to “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

Tell whether each statement is true or false.

- _____ The Declaration of Independence outlines what our government can and cannot do.
- _____ The Founding Fathers determined how our government works.
- _____ Abraham Lincoln was one of America's Founding Fathers.
- _____ George Washington was one of America's Founding Fathers.
- _____ The Declaration of Independence states that all people have a right to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”
- _____ The Founding Fathers lived over 200 years ago.
- _____ The Founding Fathers worked to secure America's independence from Great Britain.

ANSWER KEY

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5. **true** The Declaration of Independence states that all people have a right to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”
6. **true** The Founding Fathers lived over 200 years ago.
7. **true** The Founding Fathers worked to secure America’s independence from Great Britain.