



## **Activity 1 - Rebellion or Revolution? Haitian Declaration of Independence**

Read a translation of the text of Haiti's declaration of independence from 1804:

<http://today.duke.edu/showcase/haitideclaration/declarationstext.html>

### Questions to think about:

1. Historians have argued that the Haitian revolution should be seen as a watershed moment in modern history with a huge impact on slavery, imperialism, and anticolonial movements. Do you agree or disagree with this reading of the revolution?
2. What are the major themes of the declaration? What intellectual and political points does its author make?