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For the next three-and-a-half years, an original copy of the Declaration of Independence will travel to libraries, museums, and state capitols across the U.S. You can learn more about this historic document—the birth certificate of our nation—and win a trip to see an original copy of the declaration, printed on the night of July 4, 1776.

*"Among these [Rights] are
Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit
of Happiness"*

Here's How:

1. Read the text of the Declaration of Independence. You can find this at:
www.independenceroadtrip.org.
2. Choose a phrase or sentence from the document that you think is especially important.
3. Write an essay (250 - 500 words) explaining
 - Why you chose this phrase
 - Why this phrase is important
 - How a current event demonstrates that this phrase is relevant today

Include a paragraph that shows why a true patriot is someone who supports and practices the ideas in the Declaration of Independence.

*"We mutually pledge
to each other our Lives,
our Fortunes, and our
sacred Honor."*

The grand-prize winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip (with chaperon) to see the touring copy of the Declaration of Independence, and two 25-book American history libraries, for you and your classroom. Plus, your essay will be published in *Junior Scholastic*.

Fifty-six runners-up will receive two 25-book American history libraries.

All 57 student winners will receive a special Declaration of Independence Prize Kit, which includes a T-shirt and a copy of the declaration.

To enter our contest, write your name, grade, and age, your teacher's name, school name, school address, and telephone number at the top of your essay. Then send it to:

**I'm a Patriot Essay Contest 2002
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OFFICIAL RULES: No purchase necessary. All students who are residents of the continental United States and currently enrolled in grades 6-12 are eligible to enter except for those who have family members employed by Scholastic Inc. To enter, send one (1) complete 250-500 word essay on 8½"x11" paper. Be sure to include your name, grade and age, your teacher's name, school name, school address, and telephone number on the entry. Mail completed entries to: I'm a Patriot Essay Contest 2002, Scholastic Inc., 557 Broadway, New York, NY 10012-3999. All entries must be received by December 20, 2002. Entries will be judged on content, creativity, structure, and presentation. Winners will be notified by February 21, 2003. All submissions become the property of Scholastic Inc. No entries can be returned. One (1) Grand Prize Winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip (with chaperon) to see the touring copy of the Declaration of Independence (location and date to be determined by Scholastic in coordination with the winner), publication of winning essay in *Junior Scholastic* magazine (date to be determined by Scholastic), and two 25-book American history libraries. (Estimated retail value: \$3000.) Fifty-six (56) Runners Up will receive two 25-book American History libraries. (Estimated retail value: \$350.) All winners will receive a Declaration of Independence Prize Kit. Void where prohibited. For complete rules, visit www.scholastic.com, or send a SASE to: Rules for I'm a Patriot Essay Contest 2002, Scholastic Inc., 557 Broadway, New York, NY 10012-3999.

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