Directions: Using the Declaration of Independence and the Declaration of Sentiments from the National Archives, compare and contrast the following questions.

| **The Declaration of Independence (1776)** | **Questions** | **The Declaration of Sentiments (1848)** |
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| Its purpose was to declare the American colonies' independence from British rule, justify the rebellion, and outline the philosophical reasons for seeking self-governance. | What was the intended purpose? | Its purpose was to highlight the inequalities faced by women and demand equal rights, particularly focusing on suffrage, legal reforms, and social equality. |
| British crown (King George III), Parliament, colonists | Who was the intended audience? | Americans, lawmakers, men, women |
| Assertive and self-determined in their right to rebel and stand up to a tyrannical leader. | What do the tone and message convey? | Passionate and urgent, plays on the parallel of the same tone/message as the Declaration of Independence, but focuses on women. |
| Taxation without representation, denial of trial by jury, quartering soldiers, trade, laws | What are some of the major grievances listed? | Lack of voting rights, lack of educational/ employment opportunities, unequal treatment under the law |
| Promises the establishment of a government that derives its powers from the consent of the governed, with goals of liberty, justice, and self-governance. | What were the promises and goals? | Promises to fight for women's rights and equality, with goals of achieving suffrage, legal reforms, and social equality. |