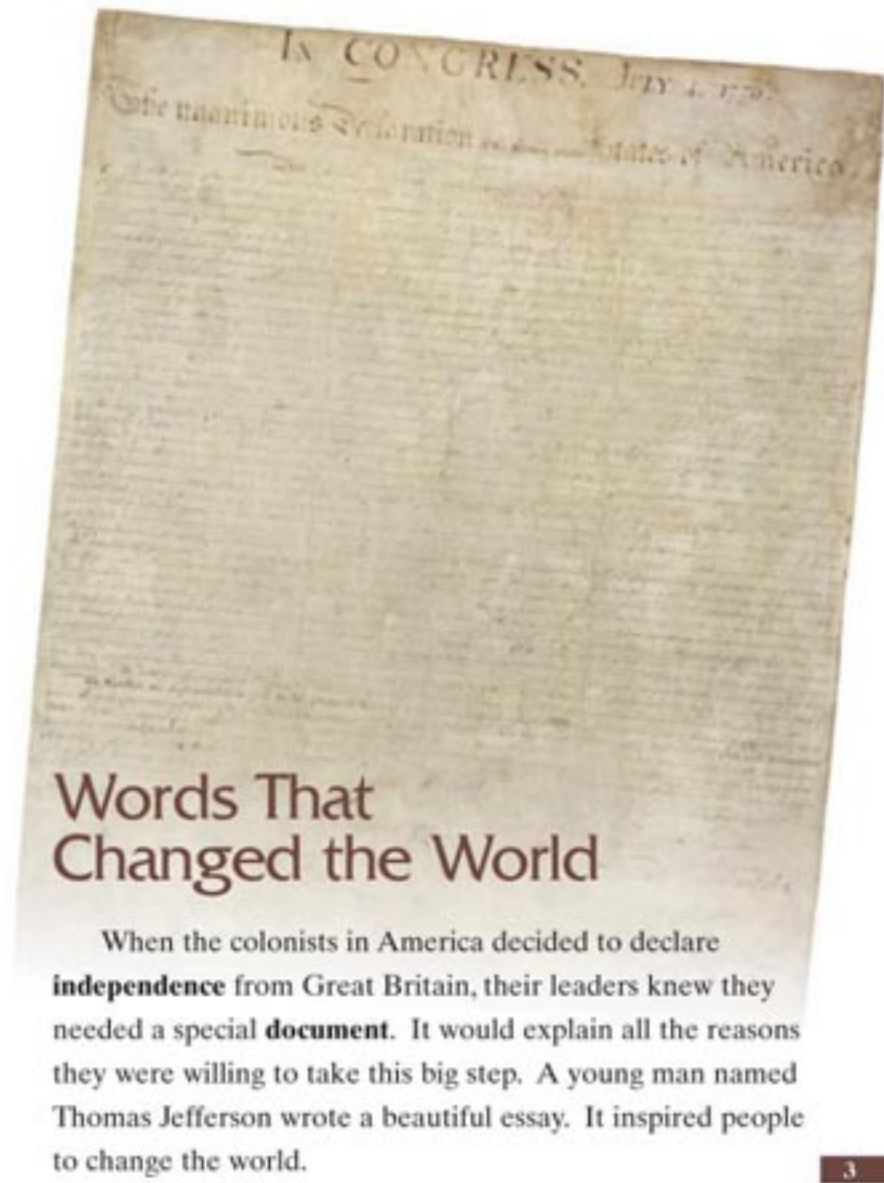


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When the colonists in America decided to declare **independence** from Great Britain, their leaders knew they needed a special **document**. It would explain all the reasons they were willing to take this big step. A young man named Thomas Jefferson wrote a beautiful essay. It inspired people to change the world.