1st continental congress: 1774: Philadelphia

- Delegates met to discuss relations with G.B.
- Sent Declaration of right to King George the second
- Colonists have rights as British Subjects

April, 1775: Battle of Lexington and Concord

- Sent “Olive Branch Petition”

2nd Continental Congress: 1776: Philly

- Delegates wanted independence
- Created army: G. Washington leader
- Declaration of Independence: Thomas Jefferson

- Major parts:

1. Preamble: Introduction
2. Declaration of Natural rights: human beings/ freedom
3. Lists of grievances
4. Declaring Independence: John Hancock was the first signature.

-July 4, 1776