

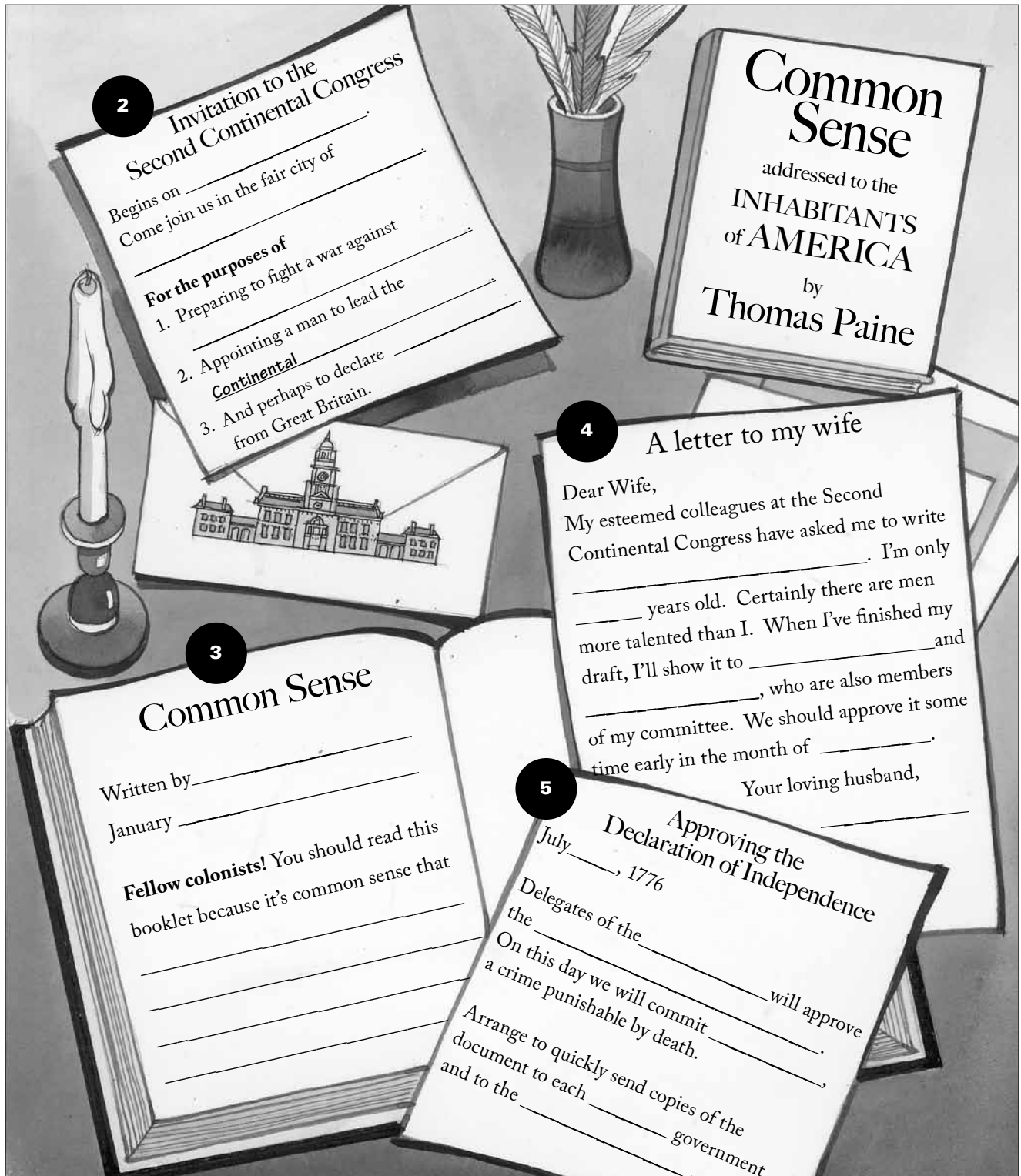
Think of two people who have influenced actions or events in your life. They may have had a role in an event in your community or in the nation that has affected your life. They may have inspired the way you dress, the books you read, the songs you listen to, or the movies you watch. These two people may be famous or you may know them personally.

In each box below, write the name of one person. Then describe, in one or two sentences, how this person has influenced you.

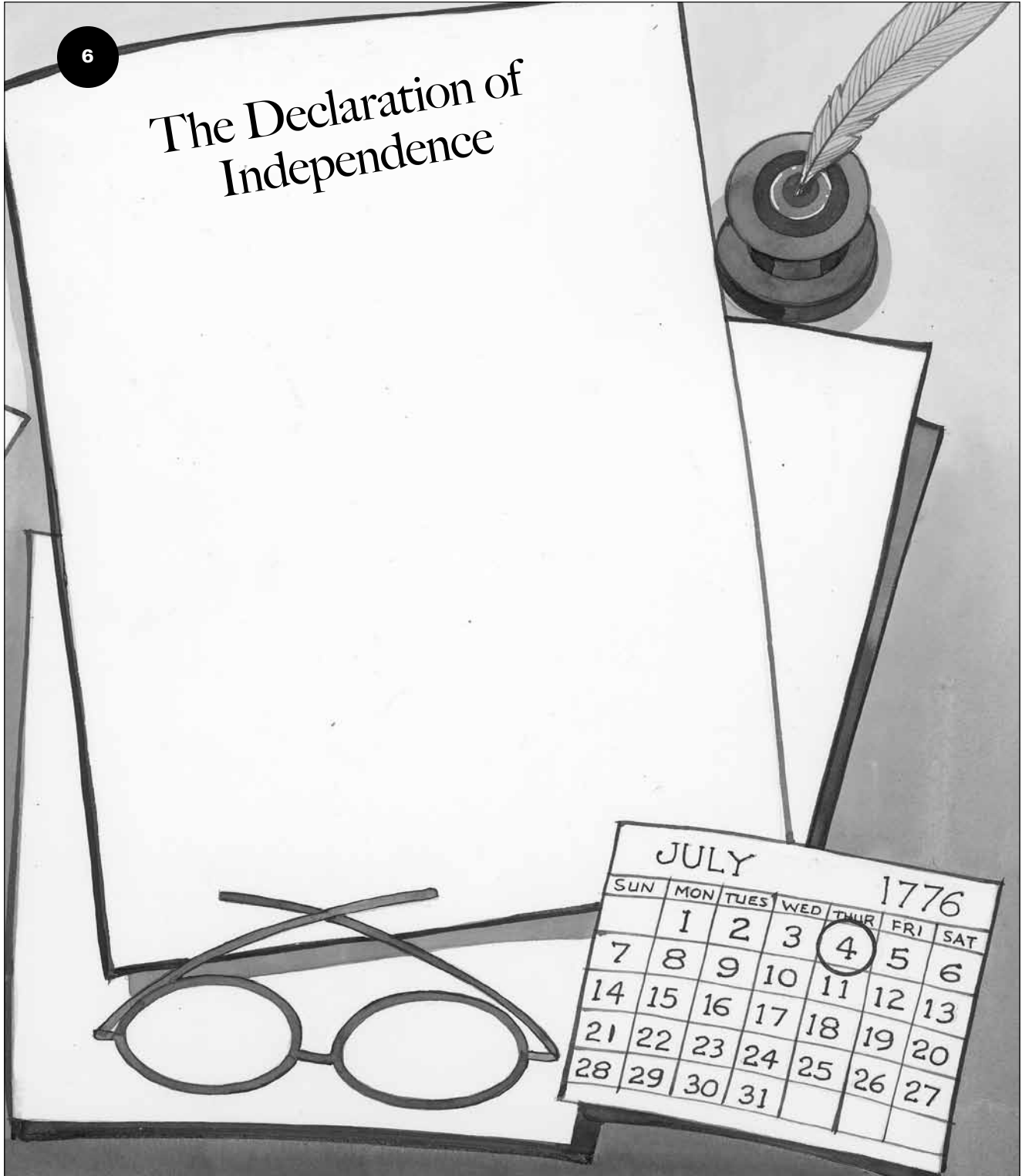
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Use your book to complete notes on the objects below.



In the space below, rewrite the five excerpts of the Declaration of Independence in simpler language.



Look back through Reading Further in your book. Find examples of Thomas Jefferson’s words and actions on the issue of slavery. Fill in the chart below to tell in what ways he opposed slavery and in what ways he supported it.

<b>Thomas Jefferson on Slavery</b>	
Opposed Slavery	Supported Slavery

Summarize the conflicts in Thomas Jefferson’s words about and actions regarding slavery. What do you think of his words and actions?

Create a historical plaque for Thomas Jefferson's desk that includes

- dramatic language to explain the historical importance of the desk.
- how old Jefferson was when he wrote the Declaration of Independence and how long it took him to write the first draft.
- challenges Jefferson faced when he wrote the Declaration of Independence.
- objects that might have been on his desk while he wrote the Declaration.
- a simple sketch of the desk.

