

*These words are from an important document from Colonial America.  
Can you name the document? Who is the author of this document?*

That all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into a state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety.

Document : **Virginia Declaration of Rights**

Author: **George Mason**



**Extension:** *What is the significance of this document?*