Unalienable Rights

Patriot Week TV-answer key

- 1. What do we mean by unalienable rights? (Pause at 3:50)
 - a. Our rights come from nature, so they can't be taken away by anyone else.
- 2. Stop and think! Try to write down one right that cannot be taken away.
 - a. The students will be able to answer this in their own words.
- 3. What famous document is that phrase most associated with? (Pause at 8:00)
 - a. Declaration of Independence in the preamble
- 4. Who was the primary author of that document?
 - a. Thomas Jefferson
- 5. Stop and think! Which group of people living in America were not able to enjoy unalienable rights?
 - a. Answer: slaves
- 6. What did Lincoln feel was the government's legal obligation to do? (Pause at 10:42)
 - a. To abolish slavery in order to adhere to the unalienable right of liberty.
- 7. Name three countries that do not guarantee unalienable rights to its' citizens. (Pause at 12:50)
 - a. China, Belarus and Syria
- 8. What part of the constitution includes a list of many unalienable rights? **(Pause at 15:45)**
 - a. The Bill of Rights
- 9. What are some of the unalienable rights listed in the constitution?
 - a. Free exercise of religion
 - b. Freedom of speech
 - c. Freedom of the press
 - d. Right to petition the government
 - e. Right to assemble
 - f. Right to bear arms
 - g. Right to a jury
 - h. Right to due process
 - i. Cruel and unusual punishments
- 10. What historical document was Thomas Jefferson assigned to draft?
 - a. Declaration of Independence