

Be a Word Detective. Our word is Unalienable.

Names of students on team: _____

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Look up the word unalienable in several dictionaries. Copy one of the meanings here:

It is possible that this word may not be in your dictionary. It is not a very common word. Let's analyze it. That means let's take this word apart.

This word has a prefix. What is it? _____ With your team, list at least 3 words that have the same prefix. What does this prefix do to a word?	This word has a suffix. What is it? _____ With your team, list at least 3 words that have the same suffix. What does this suffix do to a word?
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Now look up the root word (or base word), *alien*. You are probably thinking of little green men from space, but what definition of the word alien seems most relevant to this study? Write that definition here:

Now that you have analyzed (taken apart) the word, work with your team to put together (synthesize) a definition for the word *unalienable*.

Write your definition here.

What do you think "*unalienable rights*" might mean?

Be prepared to share your ideas with the class.