Declaration of Independence

Which delegate was chosen to write the Declaration of Independence?
Thomas Jefferson

On what date did the Congress approve the Declaration of Independence?
July 4, 1776
When was it actually signed?
August 2, 1776

Who approved the Declaration of Independence?
Second Continental Congress

Who were the three men from Georgia who signed the Declaration of Independence?
Button Gwinnett
Lyman Hall
George Walton

List each part of the Declaration of Independence and tell what each does.
1—Preamble
- stated how the colonists felt about democracy
  (reasons for the document)
- explains the natural rights of all people
- includes famous quote: “We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal…”

2—Body
- listed the 27 grievances against King George that led to the colonists seeking independence
  (gives details why the colonies deemed independence)
- including “imposing taxes without our consent”

3—Conclusion
- actual “declaration of independence”
- declared colonies to be an independent nation and officially cut ties from Great Britain

What is one of the most important differences between a democratic republic and the British government at the time of the American Revolution?
Under the British government—King had the power
Under the democratic republic—people have the power