

United States
Government and Citizenship
Chapter 4: 1775-1784
Section 2: Common Sense

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- Thomas Paine



■ *Common Sense*

■ January 10, 1776



COMMON SENSE;

ADDRESSED TO THE

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OF

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On the following interesting

S U B J E C T S.

- I. Of the Origin and Design of Government in general, with concise Remarks on the English Constitution.
- II. Of Monarchy and Hereditary Succession.
- III. Thoughts on the present State of American Affairs.
- IV. Of the present Ability of America, with some miscellaneous Reflections.

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Of those whom choice and common good ordain.

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- “Everything that is right or reasonable pleads for separation. The blood of the slain, the weeping voice of nature cries, *'tis time to part.*”

- Thomas Paine

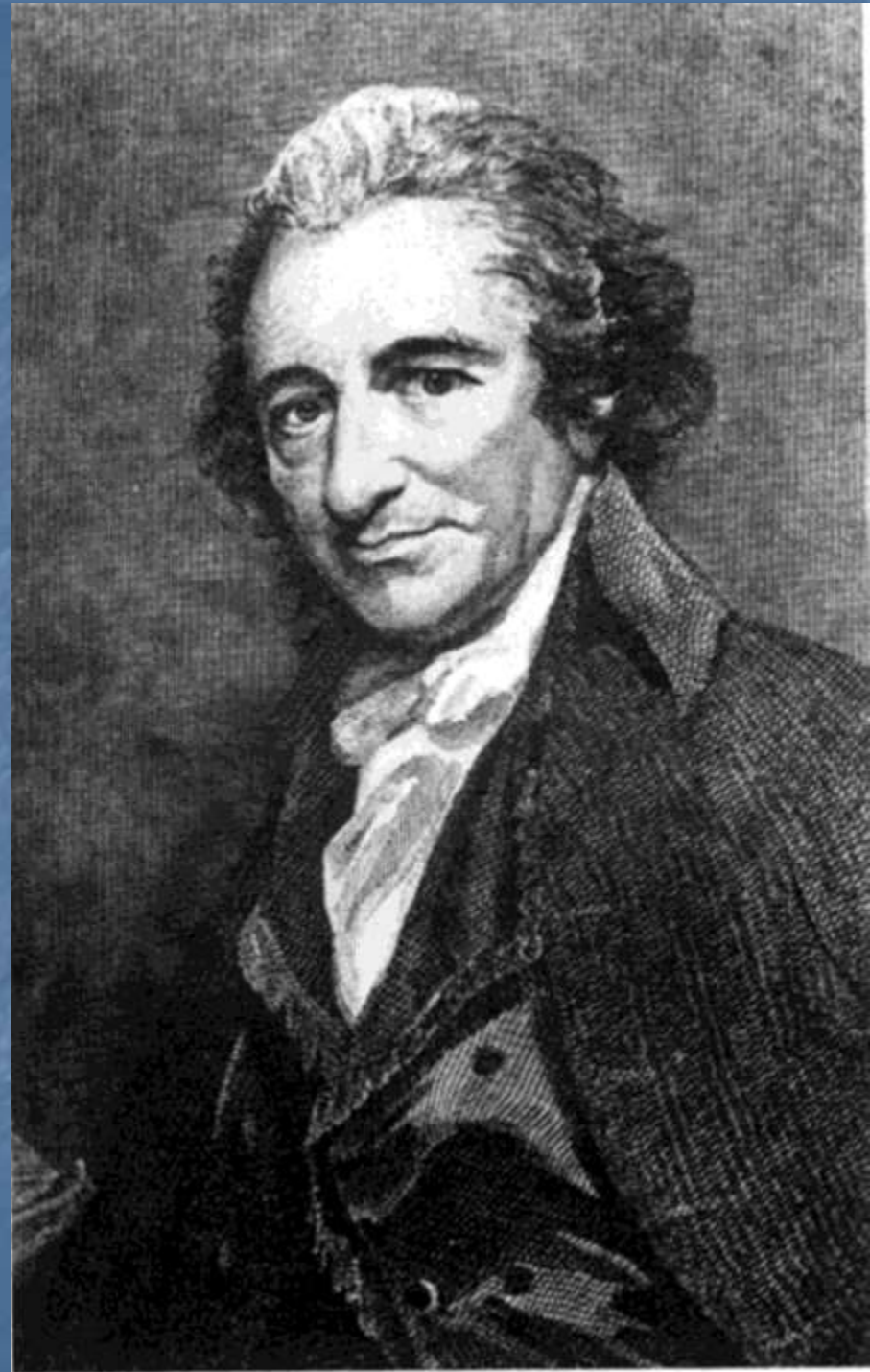
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- “The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind.”

- Thomas Paine

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- “The Sun never shined on a cause of greater worth.”
 - Thomas Paine
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- “A government of our own is our natural right; and when a man seriously reflects on the precariousness of human affairs, he will become convinced, that it is infinitely wiser and safer to form a constitution of our own in a cool deliberate manner, while we have it in our power, than to trust such an interesting event to time and chance. . . .”

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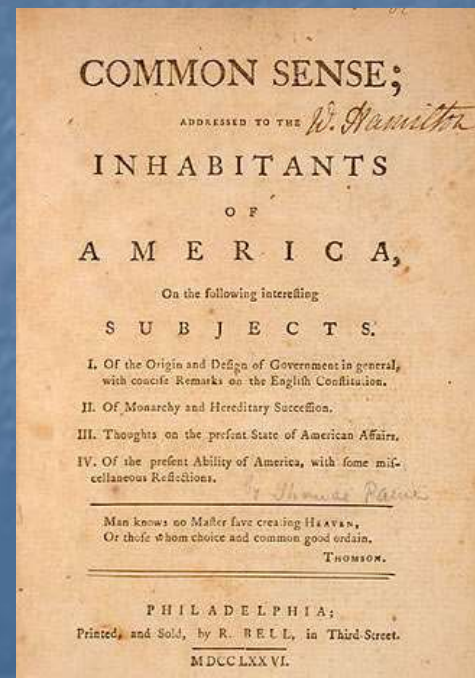


■ Need for a Declaration of Independence

- “Were a manifesto to be published and dispatched to foreign courts, setting forth the miseries we have endured and the peaceable methods which we have ineffectually used for redress; declaring at the same time that...we had been driven to the necessity of breaking off all connections...-such a memorial would produce more good effects to this continent than if a ship were freighted with petitions to Britain.”

- Thomas Paine

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