

US HISTORY I SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
DUE: 1st Day of School

Thomas Paine's Common Sense, 1776

Thomas Paine captured the hearts and minds of a skeptical colonial audience with his pamphlets. According to John Adams “Without the pen of Paine, the sword of Washington would have been wielded in vain.” Thomas Paine’s influence on the Revolutionary War is immeasurable. His words made the cynic into a champion for the cause and a Tory into a patriot. His words “Time makes more converts than reason” rings true about the sentiment of the people of in the British American Colonies who were one-third for revolt, one-third against revolt, and one-third indifferent. Time indeed created converts with the Colonies’ disdain for the King.

Your summer assignment will be as follows:

You will read the book *Common Sense* in its entirety. While reading the book you will complete this organizer.

1. Title of Document:
2. Author:
3. Date of publication:
4. For what audience was the document written?
5. What specific lines of phrases show the author appealed to both the head (logic) and the heart (emotions) of the audience.

Examples of Facts (appealing to logic) and pg number	Examples of Opinions (appealing to emotions) and pg number

6. List some strongly worded phrases the author uses:

7. In your own words, summarize the author’s viewpoint on his topic. What is he/she trying to persuade his/her readers to believe or agree with?

8. Based on what you've read, how would you rate the author's success in persuading his/her audience to agree with his/her opinion? (Place an "x" on the line to show degree of success)

Unsuccessful

Very

Write a 4 paragraph summary (typed) of how you believe Thomas Paine persuaded the colonists to join the revolution. You must use at least 3 examples in quotations! **Do not leave lengthy quotes and make note of which page you are referring to from the text.**

Write your summary below: