

**APUSH  
MR. MCCORMICK  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION PROJECT**

**Thomas Paine's Common Sense**

**Please answer the following questions THOROUGHLY using complete sentences. Pay attention to detail. Brief, incomplete or handwritten answers will not be accepted (i.e. double-space typing is required). Please note that question #13 is an essay question. Provide a thesis statement and examples from the 20th century in formulating your response. The essay will count for 1/2 of the grade. This assignment will be counted as a research paper. Research papers account for approximately 33% of your quarterly grade. One point will be deducted for every structural error committed. If you need help, see me.**

1. According to Paine, what is the problem with monarchy and hereditary succession?
2. According to Kramnick, why did England's economy become so dependent on the American colonies between 1660-1760?
3. Explain the changes in policy toward the American colonies pursued by the British Crown in the years after 1763.
4. When, where and why was the First Continental Congress convened? What did it accomplish?
5. Define (in political terms) conservative, reactionary, liberal, radical.
6. What were some of the ideas that defined Thomas Paine as a radical?
7. According to Paine, what is the purpose of government?
8. Explain the distinction Paine makes between society and government.
9. In what ways are Paine's Common Sense (1776) and Adam Smith's (1776) Wealth of Nations similar?
10. Explain the following statement in your own words. Why did Paine believe that America's independence had such historical significance?

"O ye that love mankind! Ye that dare oppose, not only the tyranny, but the tyrant, stand forth! Every spot of the old world is over-run with oppression. Freedom hath been hunted round the globe. Asia, and Africa, have long expelled her. - Europe regards her like a stranger, and England hath given her warning to depart. O! receive the fugitive, and prepare in time an asylum for mankind."

11. Explain the following statement in your own words. Then attack or defend the statement.  

"It is only by getting men to believe that government is some wonderful, mysterious thing, that excessive (tax) revenues are obtained."
12. What practical reasons does Paine give for American Independence?
13. In your opinion, how would Thomas Paine view the modern welfare state and American democracy?