

Review of 'Common Sense: The Case for Independence'

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Understanding Thomas Paine's Impact

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Answer the following questions based on the lesson about Thomas Paine and his pamphlet 'Common Sense'.

1. What was the main goal of Thomas Paine's pamphlet 'Common Sense'?

2. What did Thomas Paine argue was a God-given right?

- A. Monarchy
- B. Freedom
- C. Taxes

3. Thomas Paine wrote in complicated language to appeal to the educated class.

True False

4. Paine's writing was read by thousands and helped change public ____.

5. Why do you think clear writing is important when discussing big ideas like independence?

6. What effect did 'Common Sense' have on the colonists?

- A. It discouraged them from fighting
- B. It inspired them to seek independence
- C. It confused them about their rights

7. The proverb 'Pleasant words are as an honeycomb' relates to the idea that words can inspire and motivate people.

True False

8. The pamphlet 'Common Sense' argued against ____.

9. How did Paine's writing style contribute to his message?

- A. It was very long and complicated
- B. It was simple and easy to understand
- C. It was only for the wealthy

10. In your own words, explain how words can help people understand big ideas.

Answer Key

1. Thomas Paine wanted to persuade the colonists to seek complete independence from Great Britain. 2. Freedom 3. False 4. opinion 5. Clear writing helps everyone understand complex ideas better and makes it easier to share important messages. 6. It inspired them to seek independence 7. True 8. monarchy 9. It was simple and easy to understand 10. Words can simplify complex thoughts, making them relatable and easier to grasp, which helps people connect with important issues.
