

# Flipped Assignment: Thomas Paine's Common Sense

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**Flip teaching is a form of blended learning which encompasses any use of Internet technology to leverage the learning in a classroom, so a teacher can spend more time interacting with students instead of lecturing.**

1. Go to the Open Yale Courses website at: <http://oyc.yale.edu/> Yale University offers many free online courses for people to take.
2. At the top of the page select 'Courses' then select 'History'.
3. Scroll down to 'American Revolution' by Joanne Freeman.
4. Read the course description and then select 'View Class Sessions'. Scroll down and select 'Lecture 10 Common Sense'.
5. You need to watch the entire lecture, which is 39 minutes long. Take notes and view this as your day's class lecture. You will need to answer the following questions for class discussion tomorrow.
  - What were the three prevailing arguments of *Common Sense*?
  - Why did *Common Sense* achieve such wide spread success? What were the attributes of Paine's style that made *Common Sense* such so appealing to the Patriot cause?
  - What were the major arguments of *Common Sense*?
  - What were the elite's reactions to *Common Sense*?