

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

OVERVIEW

THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **mark off** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

4

BEGINNING

4

MIDDLE

5

BEGINNING

5

MIDDLE

5

END

6

BEGINNING

6

MIDDLE

6

END

7

BEGINNING

THOMAS PAINE

Thomas Paine was an author and political activist during the American Revolution. He was born in London in 1737. He left school at the age of 13 to work with his father's business to become a tax collector but was fired twice. He couldn't keep a steady job and was in a lot of debt (money owed). When he met Benjamin Franklin in London, Franklin was able to convince him to move to the American colonies and start fresh. In 1774, he sold his property to pay off his debts and moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In Philadelphia, Paine began his career as a journalist and editor for the *Pennsylvania Magazine*. He began writing about injustices such as slavery and poverty (extremely poor), and anonymously signing his name as "Justice and Humanity."

The American Revolution began in 1775. This fight was for independence of the American colonies from British rule. There were few people who wanted to fight for this freedom; most were still loyal to King George III and did not want to join the fight, rather they wanted things to stay the same. Thomas Paine showed great interest in this movement and wanted America to be an independent country free from the rule of a king.

After the battles of Lexington and Concord, the first military engagements of the Revolutionary War, Paine began to write about demanding independence. On January 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published a 50-page pamphlet that discussed why the colonies should be fighting for freedom. He published it anonymously and called it "Common Sense," believing it was common sense to break away from Britain. He expressed different ideas in his writing and asked straightforward questions for every reader to think about. For example, he asked why the colonies should show loyalty to a king who oppresses (cruel and unjust) them. He asked, "How much longer can Americans stand for the repeated abuses of the Crown?" He proclaimed, "A government of our own is our natural right."

His pamphlet sold over 100,000 copies. Because of the war, it was

3 What does the word
denied mean?



Appealed



Verloed



Approved



Denied

4 What month was
Common Sense
published?



January



February



June



July

5 What were the people
called who wanted to
fight for
independence?



Loyalists



Delegates



Neutrals



Patriots

6 What was Paine
imprisoned for his
political views during
the French Revolution?



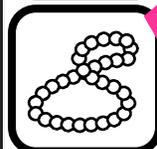
1787



1793



1777



1768

7

Due to his reputation, how many people attended Paine's funeral?



Over 100



17



6

8

What word means money owed?



Surplus



Bonds



Stocks



Debt

9

In _____, Paine started his career as a journalist and editor.



New York City



Philadelphia



Boston



Cleveland

10

When did the American Revolution begin?



1773



1775



1776



1779

CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:



SPARK SOME

creativity

**ESCAPE
ROOMS**

**SCAVENGER
HUNTS**

**SPY
MYSTERY**

**TEXT
DETECTIVE**

**SECRET
MESSAGES**

THINKTIVITY

BREAKOUTS

**READING
CHALLENGE**

**INTERACTIVE
NOTEBOOK**

**DIGITAL
ESCAPES**

**DIGITAL
BOARD
GAME**

**COLOR BY
NUMBER**

**TASK
CARDS
GAME**

**GOOGLE
SLIDES**

**GOOGLE
FORMS**

**PUZZLE
STATIONS**

**BOOM
CARDS**

BLOG