

## Honors World History Summer Assignment 2010

Students should read Thomas Paine's, Common Sense. Although this is a relatively short primary source document, it is not easy to read. Give yourself enough time to read it thoughtfully. Then, using 12 font and double spacing your paper, write a minimum three hundred-word essay that responds to the questions below:

- ❖ Who was Thomas Paine and what particular impact did he have on the American Revolution?
  
- ❖ What are the main ideas of Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* and how did they influence the people in England's 13 North American colonies?
  
- ❖ Why, in your view, do many historians claim that the language and the ideas expressed in *Common Sense* strongly appealed to the common people in the 13 North American colonies?
  
- ❖ Please give specific evidence from the text. Please be sure that your response includes at least two examples of a) the language in *Common Sense* and b) the ideas in *Common Sense*.