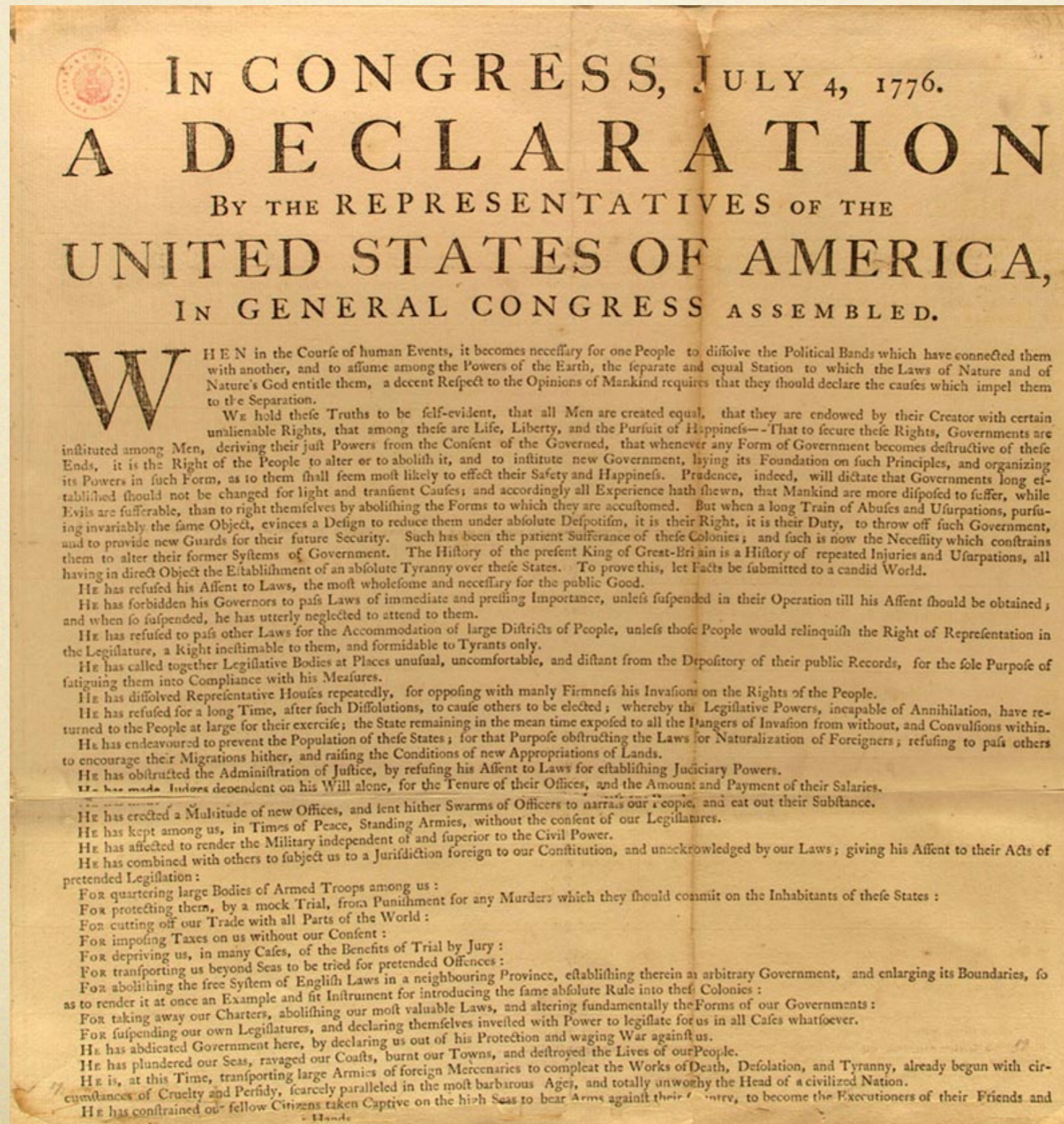


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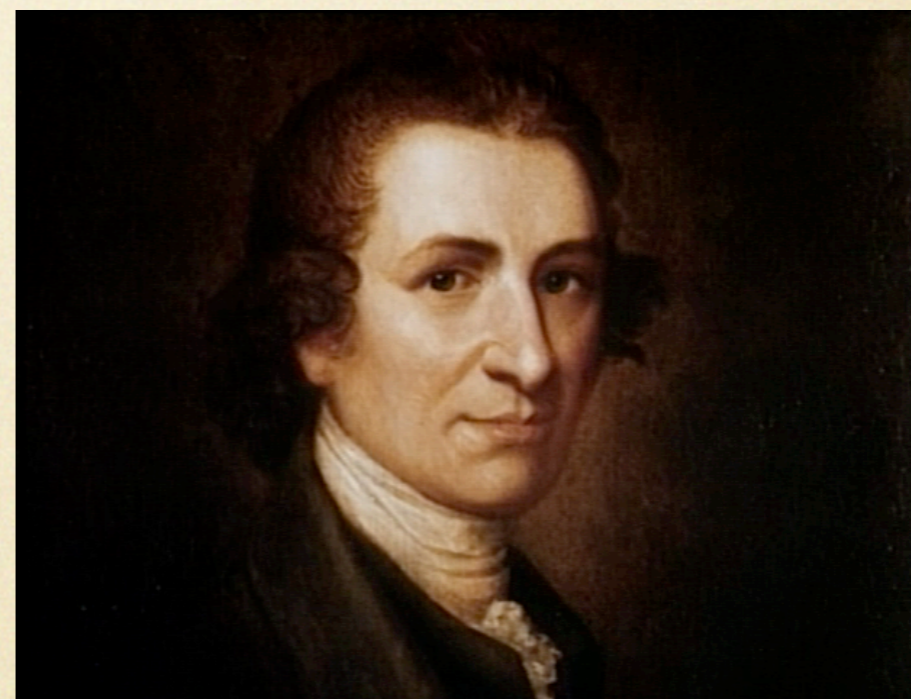
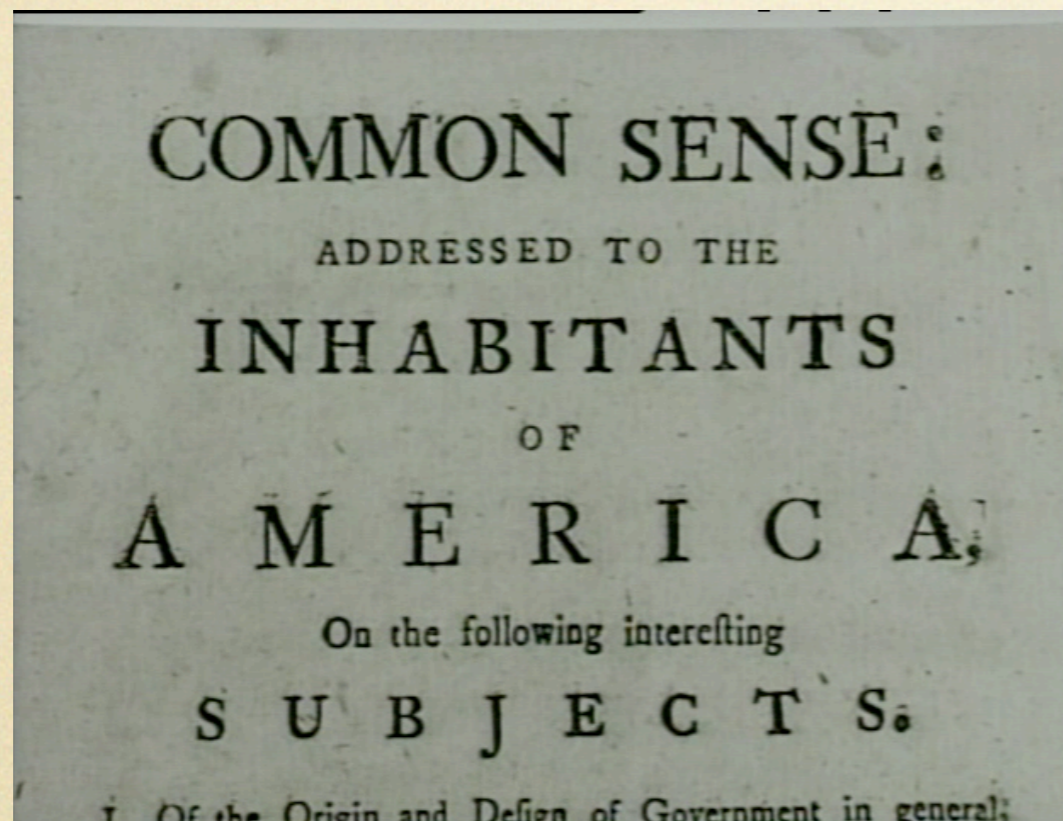
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Factors that provoke the decision to declare independence:

- King declares colonists who oppose the government to be traitors (August 1775)
- Common Sense (January 1776)
- British military forces head to New York (June 1776)

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Common Sense by Thomas Paine (January 1776)

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Impact of *Common Sense*:

- expressed Enlightenment ideas in common language
- the right of the governed to reject a government
- the right of the people to govern themselves
- opportunity to revolutionize the world by creating a whole new approach to government

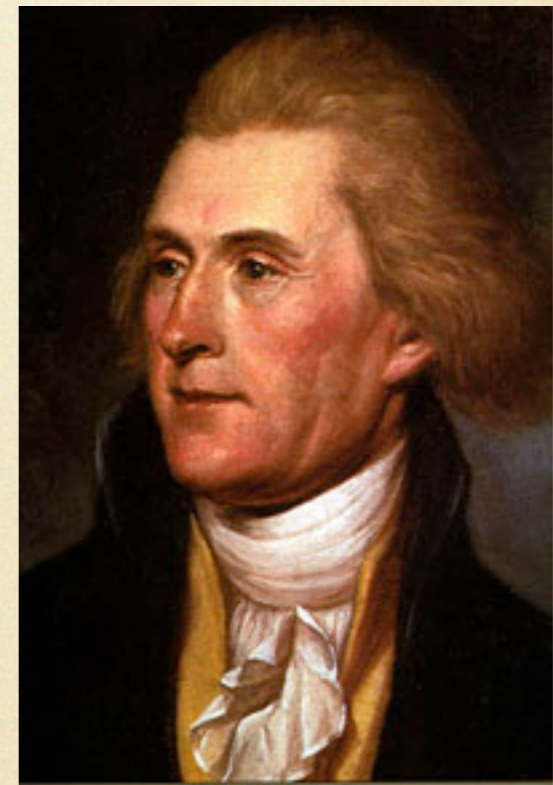
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Declaration of Independence (July 1776)

- Written by Thomas Jefferson
- Adopted by Second Continental Congress



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When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

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Revolutionary War (1775-1783)

- Majority of people living in America did not support the Revolution
 - Loyalists
 - Slaves
 - Native Americans
- Factors contributing to American victory