

## Thomas Paine

Hello, my name is Thomas Paine. I was born in England, but wrote a pamphlet called Common Sense, which talked of freedom from Britain. I also wrote The American Crisis, which General Washington read to his troops to encourage them in their fight for independence. (Speak the following with strong feeling) "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis shrink from the service of the country. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered." (End with your fist in the air!).

***Performance Instructions: Dress as a colonial man and carry a book labeled "The American Crisis". Follow acting instructions within your speech.***

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