

## Thomas Paine

Hello, my name is Thomas Paine. I was a strong supporter of American Independence and in 1774, moved from England to the colonies. I am the author of the pamphlet 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". Speak with a British accent and follow the acting instructions within your speech.***

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