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Cause #10 - *Declaration of Independence* and *Common Sense* convinced Colonists

**John Locke - Influenced People to Rethink Monarchies**

* John Locke is one of the most important political scientists of all time.
  + Most leaders in the colonies had read his book *Two Treatises of Government.*
* He was part of a movement called the Enlightenment, in which scientists made careful observations and then described the “natural laws” of the universe God had created.
  + Isaac Newton studied gravity and planetary motion,
  + Benjamin Franklin studied electricity,
  + Adam Smith studied human economies,
  + and **Locke studied how humans formed governments.**
* Locke convinced many that **God did not create kings**.

Source 1 - Excerpt from *Two Treatises of Government* by John Locke

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| . . . reason teaches all mankind . . . that being all equal and independent, no one ought to harm another in his life, health, liberty, or possessions … (and) when his own preservation comes not in competition,  he ought, as much as he can, to preserve the rest of mankind, and he may not . . . take away, or impair the life, . . . the liberty, health, limb, or goods of another . . . . |

List the four rights Locke says are the four **natural** rights of all men? Underline words that helped you answer.

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Source 2  - Excerpt from *Two Treatises of Government* by John Locke

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| Thus we may see how probable it is, that people who were naturally free, by their own consent . . .  united together out of different families to make a government . . . and chose to be under the conduct of a single person . . . .  history shows . . . that all peaceful beginnings of government have been laid in the consent of the people. |

Who does Locke say creates governments, the people or the king? Underline words that helped you answer.

Source 3  - Excerpt from *Two Treatises of Government* by John Locke

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| . . .  whenever Legislators endeavor to take away and destroy the Property of the People, or . . . grasp for themselves . . .  Absolute Power over the Lives, Liberties, and Estates of the People; By this breach of Trust they forfeit Power, . . . the People . . . have a Right to resume their original Liberty, and establish a new Legislature such as they shall think fit to provide for their own Safety and Security . . . . |

What does Locke say would give people the right to rebel?  Underline words that helped you answer.

What would they do after they rebel?  Underline words that helped you answer.

**Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence**

* The Continental Congress appointed a committee to draft a statement of their reasons for separating from Britain.
  + The "[Committee of Five](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Committee_of_Five)" included  [John Adams](https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-declaration-of-independence/about-the-signers/#MA) (Massachusetts), [Benjamin Franklin](https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-declaration-of-independence/about-the-signers/#PA) (Pennsylvania), [Thomas Jefferson](https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-declaration-of-independence/about-the-signers/#VA) (Virginia), [Robert Livingston](https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-declaration-of-independence/about-the-signers/#NY) (New York), and [Roger Sherman](https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-declaration-of-independence/about-the-signers/#CT) (Connecticut).
  + At first Sherman was supposed to write it, but he wanted to write the plans for the new government instead and then his wife became gravely ill.
  + Jefferson thought John Adams should write it, and Adams wanted Jefferson to write it.
* Adams described how he convinced Jefferson to write the Declaration in a letter to a friend:
  + “Reason first, you are a Virginian, and a Virginian ought to appear at the head of this business.
  + Reason second, I am obnoxious, suspected, and unpopular. You are very much otherwise.
  + Reason third, you can write ten times better than I can.'

In the document, using very beautiful wording, Jefferson refers directly to the ideas of John Locke.

Sourcec4  - Excerpt from *The Declaration Of Independence*  by Thomas Jefferson

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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. |

What are three important rights Jefferson names as examples of the rights God has given to every man?

Underline words that helped you answer.

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Source 5  - Excerpt from *The Declaration Of Independence*  by Thomas Jefferson

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| 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…. |

Why does Jefferson say men create governments? Underline words that helped you answer.

What does Jefferson say men can do if the government abuses their rights?  Underline words that helped you answer.

Source 6 - Excerpt from *The Declaration Of Independence*  by Thomas Jefferson

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| The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries . . . . To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.   . . . .  He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.  . . . .  For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:  For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:  For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:  For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.  . . . . |

Jefferson writes a long list of “repeated injuries;” these are just a few "facts” he “submits” to the “candid world!”

Name two of our causes he states in this excerpt. Underline words in the excerpt that match these causes.

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Source 7  - Excerpt from *The Declaration Of Independence*  by Thomas Jefferson

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| We,  therefore,  the Representatives of the united States of America, . . .  declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States;  that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain,  is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances,  establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor. |

After stating that the colonies are now independent, he states the powers they now have as free states.

Name two of the powers he states.   Underline words that helped you answer.

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**Thomas Paine convinced Average American Colonists to Rebel**

* Thomas Paine was a writer.
  + He had immigrated from Ireland to England.
  + He met Benjamin Franklin in England, and Franklin encouraged him to immigrate to the colonies.
  + He lived in Philadelphia where Franklin had helped him get work as a newspaper editor and writer.
* In 1776, he published *Common Sense*, a pamphlet written to convince colonists to rebel.
  + He printed 1,000 copies, and they sold out  immediately.
  + By the end of that year, 500,000 copies – an enormous amount for its time – had been sold.
  + It is still in print today.
* The Founding Fathers all agreed the pamphlet helped convince the people.
  + John Adams said, “Without the pen of the author of *Common Sense*, the sword of Washington would have been raised in vain.”
  + George Washington said *Common Sense* “worked a powerful change in the minds of men.”

Source 8  - Excerpt from *Common Sense* by Thomas Paine

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| This new World hath been the asylum for the persecuted lovers of civil and religious liberty from EVERY PART of Europe. Hither have they fled, not from the tender embraces of the mother, but from the cruelty of the monster; and it is so far true of England, that the same tyranny which drove the first emigrants from home, pursues their descendants still. |

Does Paine agree that immigrants to the colonies think of Britain as the mother country?

* Explain your answer.
* Underline words that helped you answer.

Source 9  - Excerpt from *Common Sense* by Thomas Paine

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| I challenge the warmest advocate for reconciliation to show a single advantage that this continent can reap by being connected with Great Britain. I repeat the challenge; not a single advantage is derived. Our corn will fetch its price in any market in Europe, and our imported goods must be paid for buy them where we will. But the injuries and disadvantages which we sustain by that connection, are without number;  . . . whenever a war breaks out between England and any foreign power, the trade of America goes to ruin, because of her connection with Britain. |

Does Paine think the colonies need mercantilism to support their trade?

* Explain your answer.
* Underline words that helped you answer.