

**THOMAS PAINE’S
“COMMON SENSE”**

Directions: *Use the following excerpt to answer the question that follow.*

“[Books] have been written on the subject of the struggle between England and America. The period of debate is closed. I challenge the warmest advocate for [peace] to show a single advantage that the colonies can gain by being connected with Great Britain. Everything that is right and reasonable pleads for separation. The blood of the slain cries ‘TIS TIME TO PART!’”

- Thomas Paine

1. What is Thomas Paine suggesting in this document (in your own words)?
2. What does Paine mean when he says, “I challenge the warmest advocate for [peace] to show a single advantage that the colonies can [gain] by being connected with Great Britain”?