



Academy  
**David Nelson, Principal**

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**TO: Academy Students and Their Parents**

**RE: Summer Reading for next year's students of Combo Grade 10 American Studies- Literature:**

We are very excited that you will be joining **Combo Grade 10 American Studies Literature** next fall. This summer, you are assigned to read Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*. The ISBN-10 is 019953800X

Alternatively, as it is an open source text, you may find it online as well:

**Common Sense:** <https://tinyurl.com/vtrtbdz3>

### Assignment

Thomas Paine died a poor man with almost no friends. Indeed, only six people attended his funeral. Imagine that you are in charge of writing a eulogy (speech given at a funeral service) for Thomas Paine. Why was he worthy of admiration? What radical ideas does he express about the relationship between government, society and human rights?

Your eulogy should be between 500-700 words long.

Enjoy the summer and see you in September,

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