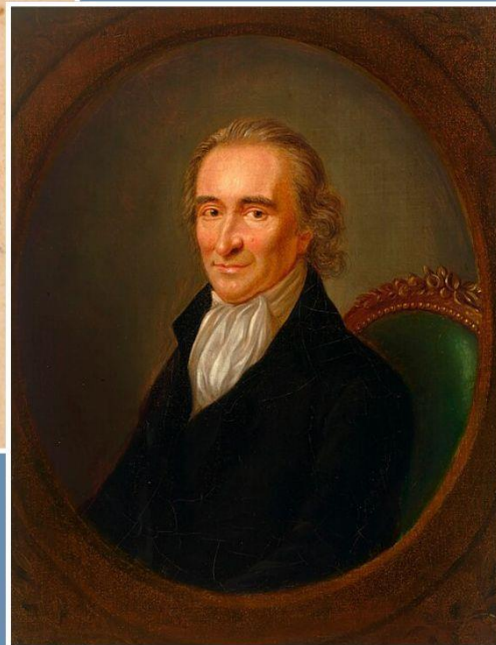
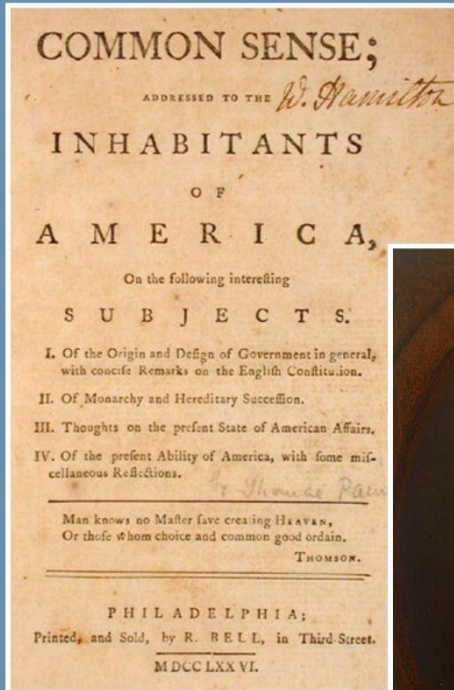




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January 10 – Thomas Paine Publishes “Common Sense”

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"A body of men holding themselves accountable to nobody ought not to be trusted by anybody."

–Thomas Paine

On January 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published his influential pamphlet “Common Sense” that helped inspire American independence. Join us throughout the coming year as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with exciting new exhibits, fun family programs, and thrilling events.

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