

Common Sense Document Analysis

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1. In your own words summarize Paine's argument in excerpt #1. What is your own reflection upon his argument? Agree, disagree?

2. Look at excerpt #2. What differences are there between society and government in Paine's eyes? What is the design or role of government in Paine's argument?

3. Look at excerpt #3. What two ancient tyrannies plague England's government? Why are these considered bad in Paine's eyes? How does Paine argue against these tyrannies?

4. According to Paine in excerpt #4 what kinds of people “espouse the doctrine of reconciliation” with England? What does Paine’s language tell you about how he feels about these people?

5. In excerpt #5 how does Paine challenge the argument, “England is the mother country?”

6. What kind of appeal is Paine making in excerpt #6? What examples does he use to make strengthen his argument?

7. Based off excerpt #7 what does Paine see America as? Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not? Was his call to independence legitimate? Why or why not?
