

- Thomas Paine writes ***Common Sense***--Jan. 1776
- Changed colonists attitudes toward Britain and the king--independence!
- Richard Henry Lee's resolution for independence:
"Resolved, 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."

Colonists believe they CANNOT live under an unjust and unfair government any longer