



The American Revolution

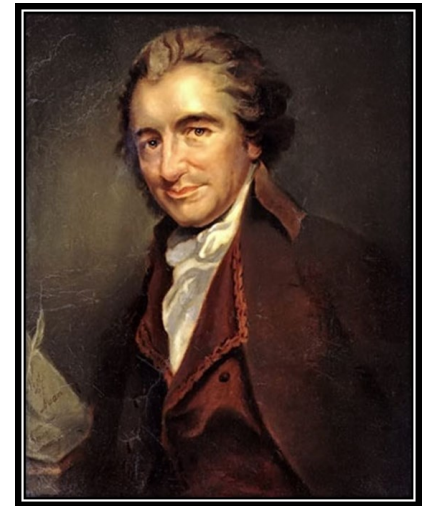
Enlightenment thinkers such as John Locke and Montesquieu wrote about government. They wrote about how a government's powers should be separated, how a government should have 3 branches of government and what personal freedoms the people should enjoy.



Before the Revolution, England began to pass taxes on the colonists. This angered the colonists. One of the items now taxed was tea. To show their anger about the tax on tea, colonists threw crates of tea off the ships into Boston Harbor in an event called the Boston Tea Party.

Thomas Paine

- Embraced Enlightenment Ideas
- Wrote a Pamphlet titled "Common Sense."
- Called for America to break away from England and become an independent country.



George Washington was a great military leader who led the colonists to many victories during the Revolutionary War. He became the first President of the United States of America.

