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Thomas Paine and Common Sense.

1. "The sun never shined on a cause of _____ . 'Tis not the concern of a day, a year, or an age, posterity will be affected even to the _____ ."
- 2 . The writer of those words was an _____ who had immigrated to the new world only a few months before the clash at _____ and Concord.
3. He was _____ and penniless. At age 38, Thomas Paine had been a tutor, tobacconist, grocer, and corset maker, and he had failed at _____ , except _____ .
4. While he was in London he enjoyed taking on everyone as a kind of 18th-century _____. He was in the marketplace arguing with everybody. He became a _____ , was fired from his job when he was caught handing out petitions to members of _____ , asking for higher _____ for the tax collectors.
5. In London, Paine's appeals on behalf of underpaid civil servants caught the attention of _____ , who was there as an agent for several colonies. After meeting Paine, Franklin recommended him as an ingenious worthy young man and sponsored his _____ to America. Once in _____ , Paine began to write a pamphlet promoting the _____ of American _____ .

6. Thomas Paine had suffered all his life under _____ class system, and he spared no venom in his writing. In January of 1776, after virtually every _____ in Philadelphia had refused to touch his _____ work, a rebel printer finally agreed to publish it.

7. “_____” was its down-to-earth title. In its _____ pages, Paine attacked the notion that England’s king should be seen as a _____ to the American colonists. He set out to dethrone the sacred institution of _____.

8. When it came out, “Common Sense” sold _____ copies in the first three months. And over the course of several years, it sold half _____ copies. This was the equivalent or almost the equivalent of the _____.

9. “Common Sense” was read aloud from _____ and pulpits, _____, parlors, and _____. The brilliant pamphlet was published _____. People speculated it had been written by _____, or _____, or even Benjamin Franklin.

10. Tom Paine was saying in this pamphlet what a lot of people were now _____ but had hardly dared to say _____. In other words, that the _____ were at war with England.