

Selection from Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* Used in the Exercise

If there is any true cause of fear respecting independence, it is because no plan is yet laid down. Men do not see their way out. . . . Let the assemblies be annual, with a President only. The representation more equal . . . Their business wholly domestic and subject to the authority of a Continental Congress

A government of our own is our natural right; to form a constitution of our own in a cool, deliberate manner, while we have it in our power, than to trust such an event to time and chance. Ye that oppose independence now, ye know not what ye do; ye are opening a door to eternal tyranny, by keeping vacant the seat of government.

O ye that love mankind! Ye that dare oppose not only tyranny, but the tyrant, stand forth! . . . Freedom hath been hunted around the globe. . . . O receive the fugitive and prepare in time an asylum for mankind.