

Loyalists

- ★ Wealthier people, merchants
- ★ Active in the Anglican Church
- ★ 15-20% of the colonists remained loyal to the King

“*Common Sense*”

Thomas Paine

- ❖ Published January 1776
- ❖ Put forth the argument for independence.
- ❖ Sold 120,000 copies in the first three months.
- ❖ 500,000 copies and twenty-five editions in the first year.