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## Breaking Free: Why the American Colonies Declared Independence from Great Britain

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Describe the Coercive Acts or Intolerable Acts and explain why the colonists regarded them as oppressive measures. How did these acts impact colonial self-governance and liberties?
2. Analyze the impact of Thomas Paine's pamphlet "Common Sense" on the movement for independence. What were the key arguments made by Paine, and why did they resonate with the colonists?
3. Discuss the main principles and beliefs articulated in the Declaration of Independence. How did these principles shape the colonists' vision for a new nation and their quest for independence?
4. Reflect on the role of the Revolutionary War in the American colonies' journey toward independence. What challenges did the colonists face, and how did they ultimately achieve their goal?

