

Joining the Fray: Mapping a World of Paine

Guiding Questions

- Who was Thomas Paine? What is his legacy in America and beyond?
- What names do you recognize on this graph?
- Do you think *Common Sense* helped fuel the colonists' urge for independence or was he simply repeating common ideas within the colonies?

Classroom Activities

- Click on a name you don't recognize, and scroll down to learn more about them.
 - Who is this?
 - What is their relation to Paine?
- Explore the APS collection item associated with a person you do not recognize.
 - What kind of document is it?
 - What can we learn from it?
 - Why is it important?
- Create your own 18th century cartoon based off of the people related to Thomas Paine.
 - Why do you think so many political cartoons accompanied Thomas Paine's fame during his life?