Thomas Paine, in his pamphlet “Common Sense” argues for American independence against the tyranny of an ineffectual British monarchy. Paine *starts* his pamphlet by defining the role of government, characterizing it as “at best…a necessary evil” that sets limits on society and protects natural rights. He *proceeds* to display how the English government does not protect the natural rights of its people because most of it is not elected by the people and thus do not serve their will. *Next*, he claims that monarchies are inherently flawed because of their hereditary and unstable nature. *Subsequently,* Paine refutes that England benefits the American colonists in any way and in fact describes how England only hinders them in the present state of affairs. *Finally*, Paine enumerates (lists) the reasons why the American colonies must therefore declare their independence from the British crown.