



## **National History Day Research Resources Reference Services Department**

Topic: Thomas Paine's Revolutionary Writings

### **Print Resources**

Thomas Paine: enlightenment, revolution, and the birth of modern nations:  
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.6&cn=636602>

46 pages: Thomas Paine, Common sense, and the turning point to American independence:  
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.6&cn=522564>

Tom Paine: a political life:  
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.6&cn=244540>

### **Prospector and Interlibrary Loan**

Prospector: <http://prospectorhome.coalliance.org/>

Prospector is a unified catalog of academic, public and special libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. For items not available at the Denver Public Library, search here first. Items can take 1-2 weeks to arrive.

WorldCat: <http://www.denverlibrary.org/content/didnt-find-it>

Use this national and international catalog to search for items not available at the Denver Public Library. You must fill out a one-time Request It registration to place Interlibrary Loan requests. These requests may take two - three weeks to arrive.

## Databases/Digital Resources

To access the Denver Public Library databases:

[www.denverlibrary.org](http://www.denverlibrary.org)

Click on the "Research" tab

Click on "Databases A-Z"

Database suggestions:

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- Gale Virtual Reference Library - Access full-text encyclopedias covering the arts, biography, country studies, history, law, literature, religion, science, social science and more! Great for research and homework.
- History Reference Center - Search full-text articles, historical documents, biographies, maps and photos. Great for students of history.
- MasterFile Premier (limit search results to Cover Story) – Covers a wide scope of general interest topics with full-text for general reference publications dating as far back as 1975, reference books, full-text biographies, and primary source documents.

## Primary Sources

- Collected writings:  
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.6&cn=245235>
- Common Sense? (Contains primary sources about Paine's *Common Sense*)  
<http://americainclass.org/sources/makingrevolution/rebellion/text7/text7.htm>
- The Constitution Society (Search "Thomas Paine" in search box on top right)  
<http://www.constitution.org/primarysources/primarysources.html>

## Internet Resources

- The Thomas Paine National Historical Association  
<http://thomaspaine.org/>

- Thomas Paine: The Radical Founding Father  
<http://www.npg.si.edu/exhibit/paine/index.html>
- Works by Thomas Paine  
[http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/authors/search/?query=Thomas\\_Paine](http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/authors/search/?query=Thomas_Paine)
- Writings of Thomas Paine (C-Span Online Video)  
<http://www.c-span.org/video/?163160-1/writings-thomas-paine>

## **Purdue University Online Writing Lab (Purdue OWL)**

MLA Formatting and Style Guide

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Annotated Bibliography

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/>

## **Google Searching**

By adding [site:gov] or [site:edu] to a Google search, you will return only government or academic webpages.

By adding [-.com] to a search, you will remove .com sites from your returned results.

Put quotation marks around words "[any word]" to search for an exact phrase in an exact order.

For more advanced Google searching tips, visit:

<https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/136861>

Resources and research assistance provided by Denver Public Library Reference Services Department, 720-865-1363. We are available to help students with research projects. Drop in at the reference desk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the [Central Library](#), contact us live online with the [Ask Us](#) service, or [make an appointment](#) to work one-on-one with a librarian.