Chapter 5 Section 4
Moving Towards Independence

Objectives:
1) Why did the first Continental Congress meet and what they did to govern the colonies
2) Identify the Olive Branch Petition
3) Explain why was Common Sense important in the American Revolution
4) Define the three parts of the Declaration of Independence and who signed.

XVIII. Second Continental Congress (1775)
A. Famous Delegates
   1. Ben Franklin
   2. John Adams
   3. Sam Adams
   4. George Washington
   5. Thomas Jefferson
B. Started to govern the colonies
   1. Printed money
   2. Created a post office
   3. Formed the Continental Army
C. Congress sent a the Olive Branch Petition
   1. Petition means formal request
   2. Asked King George for peace and English protection
   3. King refused to receive the petition

XIX. The final push for Independence
A. As the war moves forward there are few wins
B. Many Americans start to lose faith
C. To overcome this lack of faith Thomas Paine wrote Common Sense
   1. This was a pamphlet
   2. Explained how the US should be independent

XX. Declaration of Independence
A. Written by Thomas Jefferson
B. The document was separated into three parts
   1. Preamble
      a. Explained why the document was written
      b. Based on ideas of John Locke
         1) Belief that everyone has natural rights
         2) These rights need to be protected by government
         3) If government doesn’t protect rights it needs to be changed
   2. List of 29 grievances
      a. Taxes
      b. Quartering Act
   3. Declared that the colonies were independent
C. The Declaration was signed by 56 delegates
   1. Was first signed by John Hancock
   2. It was large enough so that King George could read it without glasses