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*"Don't compare yourself with anyone in this world. If you do so, you are insulting yourself"*  
-Bill Gates

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## Web Sites

### [U.S. History: Common Sense by Thomas Paine](#)

The complete original text of the third edition of Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" published in 1776 in six linked sections.

<http://www.ushistory.org/paine/commonsense/index.htm>

### [Awesome Stories: Thomas Paine](#)

This video clip from Discovery Education focuses on Thomas Paine, the writer of numerous pamphlets during the American Revolution including "Common Sense: The Rights of Man" which protested British control of the Colonies. Published in 1776, it sold 120,000 copies in the first three months. This work and others like "The American Crisis" helped people to understand why a war of independence from Britain was justified. This clip also provides background about Thomas Paine, the man. [3:12] (Free registration is required in order to access certain features of the Awesome Stories website.)

<https://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/Thomas-Paine0>

### [History Guide: Thomas Paine, 1737-1809](#)

An in-depth profile of Thomas Paine and discussion of his literary works. Includes links to e-texts of his writings.

<http://www.historyguide.org/intellect/paine.html>

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## Hardware/Software

### [Photos 2.0 - It can find a Zebra in a haystack](#)

Apple spent a lot of time at its Worldwide Developer Conference this summer promoting the machine-learning algorithm that sits at the heart of Photos for Mac and iOS 10. But you know what? It's awesome. Apple's not the first to go down this path—Google Photos does the same thing—but Apple's doing it on its own devices and not sending any of your stuff to be processed in the cloud.

There's no interface for this feature. When you upgrade to Sierra, Photos begins indexing your photo library, scanning every picture and detecting any information it thinks it recognizes, whether that's faces, places, objects, you

name it. This isn't anything approaching omnipotence—the algorithm is apparently tuned to recognize about 4,000 different items. And it's far from perfect. When I searched for dogs, I got pictures with dogs—and with cats, and no animals at all. But I also got lots of pictures of dogs.

Let me give you another cool example. On a whim, I typed Zebra into the search box in Photos. Up popped four photos that I took of a pair of zebras at the San Diego Wild Animal Park a decade ago. Out of more than 10,000 pictures, Photos found the four pictures I took with zebras in them. It's a pretty neat trick. And while it's not perfect, it's a great tool to use to track down an elusive photo in a large library.

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## Famous People from American History

**Thomas Paine** (1737–1809) English–American writer and political activist. In 1776, he wrote the best selling pamphlet *Common Sense*. This advocated America seeking independence from Great Britain.

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

***Why are elephants wiser than chickens?***

Have you ever heard of Kentucky Fried Elephant?!

***Why are baby boys dressed in blue and baby girls dressed in pink?***

Because they can't dress themselves.

***Why was Moses the most wicked man?***

He broke all 10 commandments at once.

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## This Day in History

***Birthdates which occurred on October 4:***

1289 Louis X (the Stubborn) king of France (1314–16)

1626 Richard Cromwell lord protector of England (1658–59)

1822 Rutherford B Hayes (R) 19th pres (1877–81)

1860 Sidney Paget illustrated Sherlock Holmes adventures

1861 Frederic Remington US, artist/sculptor of the American West

1880 Damon Runyon writer (Guys & Dolls–based on his work)

1889 John B Kelly Olympic champion rower/father of Grace Kelly

1895 Buster Keaton actor (The Navigator, Steamboat Bill, Jr)

1917 Jan Murray Bronx NY, comedian (Treasure Hunt, Who Killed Teddy Bear)

1923 Charlton Heston actor (10 Commandments, Ben Hur, Planet of the Apes)

1929 Leroy Van Dyke Spring Fork Mo, country singer (Walk on By)  
1931 Dick Tracy comic strip crimestopper  
1941 Lori Saunders Kansas City Mo (Petticoat Junction, Dusty Trails)  
1944 Patti LaBelle singer (LaBelles–Lady Marmalade)  
1945 Clifton Davis Chicago Ill, actor/singer (That's My Mama, Amen)  
1946 Susan Sarandon [Tomaling], Jackson Hgts NY, actress (Bull Durham)  
1949 Armand Assante NYC, actor (Private Benjamin, Unfaithfully Yours)  
1989 Dakota Johnson son of Melanie Griffith & Don Johnson

### ***On This Day:***

1582 Last day of the Julian calendar in Italy, many Catholic countries  
1636 1st code of law for Plymouth Colony  
1648 Peter Stuyvesant establishes Americas 1st volunteer firemen  
1777 Battle of Germantown  
1824 Mexico becomes a republic  
1862 Battle of Corinth ends  
1864 New Orleans Tribune, first black daily newspaper, forms  
1883 Orient Express' 1st run, linking Turkey to Europe by rail  
1906 Chicago Cubs win their 116th game (116–36) of the year  
1910 Portugal becomes a republic, King Manuel II flees to England  
1926 Dahlia is officially designated as SF city flower  
1931 The comic strip Dick Tracy by Chester Gould debuts  
1940 Adolph Hitler & Benito Mussolini confer at Brenner Pass in the Alps  
1955 Brooklyn Dodgers only World Series victory, beating Yankees in 7 (World Series #52)  
1957 "Leave It to Beaver," debuts on CBS  
1965 Pope Paul VI becomes 1st Pope to visit Western Hemisphere (UN)  
1969 UN starts issuing postage stamps at Geneva headquarters  
1970 Jan Stenerud of Kansas City Chiefs kicks 55-yard field goal  
1976 Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz resigns due to telling a racial joke  
1977 Pier 39 opens in SF  
1978 Funeral services held for Pope John Paul I  
1984 US govt closes down due to budget problems  
1987 1st "Scrub Sunday" of NFL football with replacement players  
1987 Blues Jays lose final 7 games allowing Tigers to win the AL pennant

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