

Mr. Beebe's fifth grade class
Uwchlan Hills Elementary
50 Peck Rd.
Downingtown, Pa 19335
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Dear Ms. Downey,

Thank you so, so much for coming to our school and telling us some things about Thomas Paine that neither my teacher nor I even knew about. Like when Thomas Paine was put in jail and got very sick, then when the doctor left his door open, the guy put a big white x on the inside of his door, that when it closed, the x was on the inside of the cell. Afterward when the executioner came to collect the people that were due to die, he went right past his door.

I think your ideas like a school, and bridge named after Thomas Paine and other wonderful one are a great thought, so I have some helpful things that might lend a hand to you. Since Thomas Paine was a bridge builder-designer, the bridge should be really special. Picture if they did build a bridge after Thomas Paine; imagine riding on Thomas Paine Bridge or another name like that. Your school idea sounds awesome to. Thomas Paine elementary, or middle school, or high school. Thomas Paine's book, Common Sense is very interesting; I can tell why it sold over 500,000 copies so quickly.

Your words still reverberate in my head. Your stories about Thomas Paine and what he did are so remarkable that I don't think that anyone (except maybe George Washington or someone else) could never top it.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Ruggeri