

Intellectual Causes of the American Revolution:

The Enlightenment



Rewrite = rewrite the sentence to make correct

Complete = write the correct answer that completes the idea

Vocab = define the word, using the context

Revise = rewrite the sentence with simpler grammar

Opinion = give your own opinion



= complete the interactive notebook entry

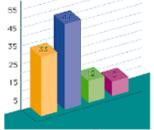
The Enlightenment was a time in world history in the 1700s. It came alongside the Scientific Revolution. Scientists in Europe made great discoveries based on observation and experimentation. They used the scientific method to prove things; if they couldn't prove it, they didn't struggle to make religious explanations, like: "Tornados occur because God is angry!" Disapproving of these ideas as superstitions, they favored observation and experimentation.

Revise

Vocab_ The Enlightenment

Rewrite

1. Enlightenment thinkers depended on religious explanations.
2. Observation and superstition are favorites of Enlightenment thinkers.

	Observations...
	lead to Questions.
	Questions form Hypotheses.
	Hypotheses must be tested through experimentation.
	Analyze Data!
	Draw Conclusions!
	Share Results!

Opinion

What do you think this chart has to do with the Enlightenment? (What is this chart?)

Around the same time, philosophers decided to use scientific empiricism to make some inferences about government. What this means, is basically: Philosophers wrote about the best government in a way that sounded scientific.

This was a big change. In Europe, this was the Age of Absolute Monarchs. The kings of Europe claimed they ruled because God chose them.

So, the Enlightenment philosophers spent a lot of time saying Absolute Monarchy was wrong and NOT scientific. Except they didn't say scientific, they said: natural. They said that democracy was much more natural.

Complete

1. Philosophers used _____ to make inferences about government.
2. Enlightenment philosophers did not support the leaders of Europe, who were _____. These kings said they got their power from God.
3. Enlightenment philosophers supported democracy because it was a more scientific or _____ form of government derived from rationalizing power.

Natural Rights are the most important political idea to come out of the Enlightenment. The man who comes up with these rights is called **John Locke**. He is English, but his works become very influential in America. He says: all people are equal and have rights to life, liberty, and property. He writes: nobody can take away your **natural rights**, especially not the king.

Complete/Rewrite

1. The ideas about natural rights are from the philosopher called _____
2. The three natural rights are _____
3. The king can take away your natural rights.
4. The ideas of John Locke become popular in England.

“AMONG THE NATURAL RIGHTS OF THE COLONISTS ARE THESE: FIRST A RIGHT TO LIFE, SECONDLY TO LIBERTY, AND THIRDLY TO PROPERTY; TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO DEFEND THEM IN THE BEST MANNER THEY CAN.”

SAMUEL ADAMS

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Samuel Adams was a famous Bostonian and Son of Liberty.

John Locke explained that government is based on a **social contract**. People should have all the power. If there is a king or a president or whoever, he is just borrowing the power. The **social contract** is an agreement. People follow the laws if the leader is good.



But if the leader is bad, he loses **consent of the governed**. Consent is when you agree to something. If he is a bad leader, he breaks the social contract. He breaks consent. And so, people have the right to have a revolution. They can overthrow the government.

Vocab social contract

Vocab consent of the governed

Complete

1. The leader and the people form a _____, which is an agreement over power.
2. If the leader is bad, he loses the _____.
3. When the leader loses consent, the people can have a _____.

These ideas of John Locke's will become very popular in America. Especially with two guys named Thomas.

The duty of a true patriot is to
protect his country from its
government.

Thomas Paine





Now, complete
the Enlightenment
pastable.