

The Enlightenment

During the 17th and 18th century Europe experiences a _____ and _____ “_____” _____ known as “_____”. _____ and others started using _____, _____ and _____ to understand the world around them. People were no longer happy with the idea that things were the way they were just because someone told them “God Made It That Way.” People wanted to understand _____ it was the way it was.

Social Contract Theory

Created by _____. Belief that people “_____” with the government to protect their interests. If Government doesn't protect your rights, then the people have the _____, and the government should be _____. Colonists eventually use this as justification for the _____. Thomas Jefferson will borrow the phrase “_____” from John Locke for the Declaration of Independence.

Charles Montesquieu

Philosopher and Enlightenment Thinker. Creates the idea of _____ and _____. The idea that government should have _____ that _____ the power of the other branches to prevent the government from getting too powerful. Three Branches (_____, _____, and _____). This belief caused colonists to think that King George and Great Britain had too much power over life in the colonies especially since the colonists had their own governments set up.

Great Awakening

After the Enlightenment, many colonists _____ from _____. They thought it was dry, dull, and distant. In an attempt to reassert religious influence, preachers tried to appeal to the _____ of the colonists to _____ to religion. There was a series of revivals (1730's to 1740's) known as the _____. Fire and brimstone sermons. A famous Awakener was _____ Whitefield: known as the _____ and Jonathan Edwards.

Impact of the Great Awakening

Encouraged colonists to _____. The _____ might not have happened without the Great Awakening. Leads to a greater _____ of the church on society and the development of laws, etc. It paved the way for the eventual _____ of Church and State. _____ religious emotions were more important than _____. Religious colleges were established – _____ and _____.