Vocabulary

Enlightened: to make clear

Separation of Powers: split to avoid corruption

Intellectual: smart Inquiry: ask questions

#### **New Vocabulary**:

Social Contract Natural Rights Representative Government Federal system United Nations

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**The Enlightenment Thinkers** 

Thinkers	Defined
Timikers	Both considered human nature and the role of
	government
	Thomas Hobbes
	Leviathan (1651) masterpiece on
	political theory.
	Stated that people were by
	nature <u>SELFISH</u> and
	AMBITICIOUS
	Thought that the type of government needed to
	CONTROL selfish, ambiticious people should be
	ABSOLUTE MONARCHY!
Hobbes and Locke	Social contract: agreement among members of
	society, people submitted to an authoritarian ruler
	to prevent disorder. Important for the development
	of democracy!
	John Locke
	Had a more positive view of
	human nature
	Two Treatises of Government
	(1690) two books published a
	year after the Glorious
	Revolution.
	Believed that the <b>monarchy</b>

	should protect the rights of people. All human beings had, by nature, the right to life, liberty, and property.  In order to protect these natural rights, they formed governments. The PEOPLE have the absolute RIGHT to rebel against a government that failed.	
CFU	Explain why Hobbes felt it necessary for Absolute Monarchy. In comparing Hobbes and Locke, who believed in the rights of people more?  Both admired the Democratic nature of English	
Voltaire and Rousseau	Voltaire Brilliant 18th century French Historian Argued favor of tolerance, freedom of religion, and free speech Did not LIKE French Government or Christianity.  Rousseau The most free thinking of all thinkers/philosophers. The Social Contract(1762): his most famous work, advocated Democracy. UNLIKE Hobbes he called the Social Contract an agreement among FREE individuals to create a government that would respond to the peoples will. The only legitimate, authentic, government came from the consent of the governed!	
CFU	How are these philosophers alike? What do they both admire and hope for in a government?	
Montesquieu	Also believed that Liberty as a natural right.  The Spirit of Laws (1748)	

	Stated that any person or group in power will try to increase its power!		
	Searched for ways to control		
	government		
	Separation of powers would be a		
	safeguard to protect liberty.		
	Legislative, executive, judicial		
	We use this plan today!		
CFU	Explain why Montesquieu felt a need for		
010	Separation of Powers		

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What were natural Rights?
Explain how hydroelectric and wind power are similar.
How do geothermal power plants obtain geothermal energy from the Earth?

Parts of Democratic Thought

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In your own words, what are the goals of the Enlightenment? Goals of the enlightenment are \_\_\_\_\_\_.

In your own words, what have the Enlightenment thinkers done for us? The Philosophers have

#### Importance

# Enlightenment ideas helped bring about the French and American Revolutions

- 1. It is important to realize these revolutions and the documents they produced have inspired other democratic movements:
- 2. It helps you do well on tests.

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natural rights • separation of powers • political equity

The teachings of Enlightenment thinking listed above provided the basis for the

A establishment of democratic government.

B teaching of the Protestant Reformation.

C calling of the crusades.

**D** development of feudalism.

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Does anyone else have another reason why it is important to understand our Democratic thought was inherited by Enlightenment thinkers? (pair-share) Why is it important consider the views of Enlightenment thinkers? You may give me one of my reasons or one of your own. Which reason is more important to you? Why?

Skill Development/Guided Practice

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#### Analyze Alternative Resources

Discuss #1: What Enlightenment ideas influenced the US Constitution?

Discuss #2: What were the goals of the Enlightenment thinkers?

Discuss #3: Chose your preferred philosopher and explain why you prefer him.

Discuss #4: What ideas from the Enlightenment philosophers can you give that are used today in Democracy?

## Use the Questions above to fill in the chart as we discuss as a group

Discussion Question	Answer
#1	
#2	
#3	
#4	

1. \	What is	s your	partner	's preferred	Philosopher(	(s)?
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## 2. What are the Ideas or reasoning of this philosopher?

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How did you determine what your philosopher you liked?

Skill Development/Guided Practice (continued)

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Debate with your partner the difference of Hobbes *Social Contract* and Voltaire's *Social Contract*. Describe two ways we have adopted ideas from the Enlightenment.

<ol> <li>List the major Impacts of the Enlightenment.</li> <li>What do all Enlightenment Philosophers all want for the people?</li> <li>What spurred the philosophers to want changes in government?</li> </ol>
1.
2.
3.

#### Closure

- 1. In your own words, what is the Enlightenment?
- 2. Can you give some examples of great democratic thought from our philosophers?
- 3. What did you learn today about Enlightenment thinkers/philosophers? Why is that important to you?

(pair-share)

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Write the philosophers name, why they are important and how they have impacted Democracy.

### **Strategies**

**Differentiating Strategies** Use Blooms taxonomy to provide various levels of questioning

**Teaching Strategies** Use real life examples and classroom scenarios

**Cognitive Strategies** Graphic Organizers

**English Learner Strategies** (Comprehensible Input, Contextual Clues, Supplementary Materials, Adaptations of Content, Vocabulary Development-Language Objectives)