## The Philosophes

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AP European History Discussion #2 - Thinkers of the Enlightenment

**Directions:** Next class we will be holding a salon in which we will be discussing the principles of the European Enlightenment. You will be expected to contribute relevant factual information provided from the book and additional primary sources. We will be discussion contemporary beliefs on Religion, the economy, society, government, etc... which you will need to be able to argue as a person from the 18<sup>th</sup> century might. In addition to the materials below you will need to become an "expert" of a particular philosopher with the goal of defending their beliefs above all else. (Bonus points in the salon for the team that does the best at this.

## **Montesquieu**

Background	
Ideas on Society:	
Ideas on Colonies/Slavery:	
Ideas on Religion:	
Ideas on Government:	

## **Voltaire**

Background	
Political Views:	
Views of the Church:	
View on human actions/experience:	
	(Merriman pgs 319-320)
<u>Diderot</u>	
Background:	
Views of Society:	

Beliefs in education and availability of knowledge:	
Political Views	
	(Merriman pgs 320-323
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Rousseau	
Background:	
Views on Human Nature:	
Ideas on Politics	
Ideas on Politics:	
Critiques on Society	

(Merriman pgs 323-325)