

Enlightenment Thinkers Project

The Enlightenment was an intellectual movement that stressed reason, thought, and the power of individuals to solve problems. The Enlightenment, also known as the Age of Reason, reached its peak in the mid-1700's and brought great changes to government and societies in Western civilization.

Directions: In this project, you will be assigned one philosopher and create an informative poster following the requirements below.

Poster Requirements: Colorful, creative, large text!

A. Symbol (5 pts)

You must create a symbol that represents your thinker or his or her ideas. This symbol must be unique and creative.

B. Biographical Information (10 pts)

You must find some basic background information on your thinker.

1. Where are they from?
2. When did they live?
3. What was their occupation?
4. What were some significant events in their lives?

C. Key Ideas and Works that Reflect Enlightenment Thinking (10 pts)

1. What works did your thinker create?
2. What were they about?
3. What were some of his/her achievements?
4. What new ideas did your thinker contribute to the world during the Enlightenment period?

D. Key Quote from your thinker: (5 Points) Find a quote from your thinker and explain its meaning and significance.

E. Impact on Modern Government (5 pts)

1. How did your thinker's ideas impact government during that time period?
2. In what ways do your thinker's ideas exist in our national government or world governments still today?

F. Group Presentation (10 pts) a short, 4-5 minute presentation with your group once the posters are completed.

G. Research Sheet (5 pts) Each member of the group must complete the entire research sheet BEFORE they begin their poster.

You will be assigned one of the following Enlightenment philosophers:

- Thomas Hobbes
- John Locke
- Voltaire
- Baron Montesquieu
- Jean Jacques Rousseau
- Mary Wollstonecraft

Assessment Rubric

Group Members: _____

THINKERS PROJECT	10	8	6	4
<i>Thinker's Biographical Information</i>	Completely answers 4 questions listed for this section.	Answers some of the questions listed for this section.	Superficial and/or inaccurate information provided.	Superficial and/or very little information provided.
<i>Thinker Works, Achievements and Key Ideas that Reflect Enlightenment Thinking</i>	Completely answers 4 questions listed for this section.	Answers some of the questions listed for this section.	Superficial and/or inaccurate information provided.	Superficial and/or very little information provided.
<i>Group Presentation</i>	All members participate in the presentation with eye contact and a clear voice that can be heard. Well organized and prepared. Poster is outstanding, colorful, lots of images and text is visible.	Some members participate in the presentation and/or with little or no eye contact. Some members could not be heard. Some evidence of preparation. Poster is lacking images but text is readable.	One member dominates in the presentation and/or with little or no eye contact. Some members could not be heard. Minimal evidence of preparation. Poster is lacking images but text is readable.	Presentation was confusing, disorganized and lacking preparation. Members could not be heard. Poster is not eye-catching or creative, and hard to read.

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<i>Impact on Modern Government</i>	Thinkers' impact during time period and modern day are uncovered.	Some of the thinkers' impacts upon modern day are uncovered.	Minimal contributions are summarized / Inaccurate information OR missing from poster.
<i>Symbol on Title Slide</i>	Symbol represents thinker and his/her ideas. Is creative and unique.	Symbol somewhat represents thinker and his/her ideas. Lacks creativity.	Symbol doesn't represent the thinker and/or his/her ideas. There is no symbol on the title slide
<i>Thinker Quote</i>	Unique quote with full explanation	Quote with an explanation	Quote with no explanation or NO QUOTE
<i>Research Sheet</i>	Research sheet is fully complete.	Research sheet is somewhat completed.	Research sheet is minimally complete or not complete at all.

Total: _____ / 50 x 2 =

Enlightenment Thinkers Research Sheet

Philosopher: _____ Group members: _____

<p>Biographical Information: You must find some basic background information on your thinker.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Where are they from?2. When did they live?3. What was their occupation?4. What were some significant events in their lives?	
<p>Key Ideas and Works that Reflect Enlightenment Thinking</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What works did your thinker create?2. What were they about?3. What were some of his/her achievements?4. What new ideas did your thinker contribute to the world during the Enlightenment period?	

<p>Key Quote from your thinker: Find a quote from your thinker and <u>explain its meaning and significance.</u></p>	
<p>Impact on Modern Government</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How did your thinker's ideas impact government during that time period?2. In what ways do your thinker's ideas exist in our national government or world governments still today?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brainstorm the symbol you will use to represent your philosopher.• Brainstorm how you will organize the information on this sheet and display it on your poster.	