

The Enlightenment

FLT: I will be able to compare and contrast the ideas of the Enlightenment Philosophers (Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu).

Warm Up

What do you think the world would be like if there were no new ideas or inventions for the next 100 years? Explain your answer.

The Enlightenment was...

- An Intellectual Movement
- 1600-1800
- Many ideas came from ancient Greece and Rome
- New ideas about government



Thomas Hobbes and Social Contract



Thomas Hobbes

- Believed people were born selfish and evil
- Believed an absolute monarchy was best
 - Monarch gets power
 - People get safety
- Wrote *Leviathan*

Thomas Hobbes and Social Contract



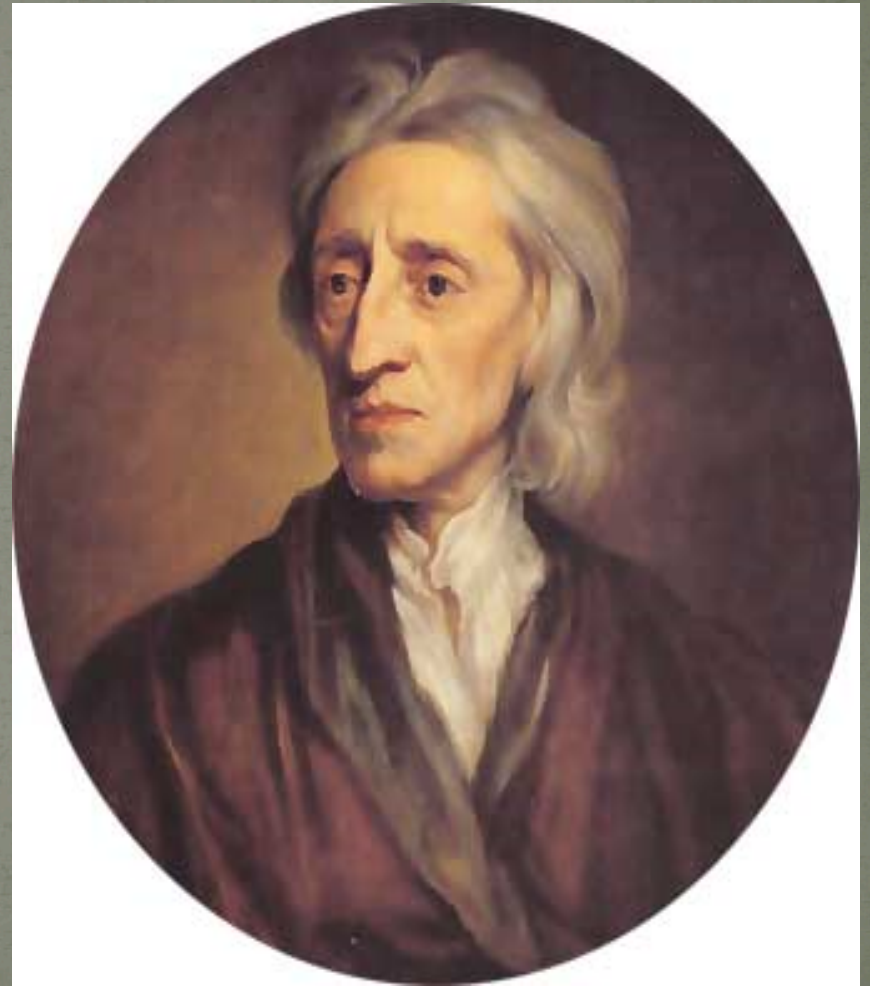
Hobbes

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Hater of mankind

John Locke and Natural Rights

- Believed humans were born with natural rights: life, liberty, and property
- People want government to protect these rights (Constitutional monarchy)
- If it doesn't do this job, people should overthrow it.
- God has nothing to do with the government
- Wrote *Second Treatise of Government*

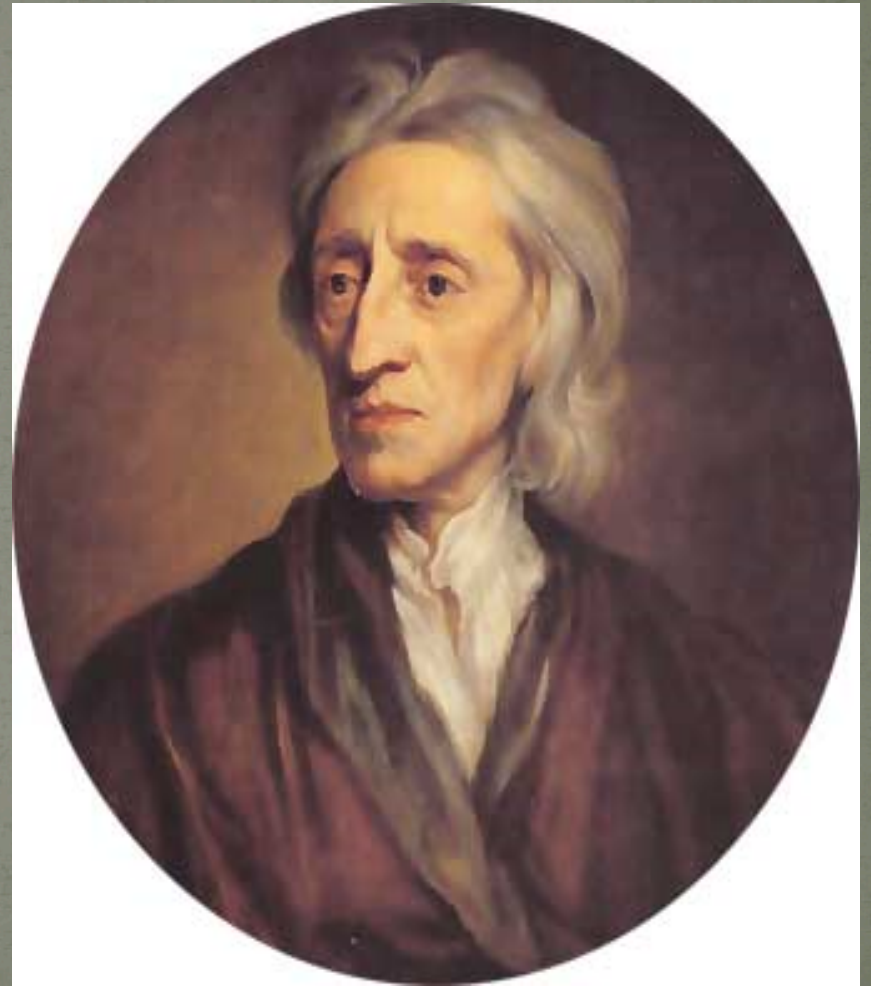


John Locke and Natural Rights

Locke

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Lover of mankind



Rousseau and Social Contract



- People are good, and they will choose what is good for the community
- People create government to help them survive
- Wrote *The Social Contract* in 1762
- Believed only through Direct Democracy can people's freedom be preserved.

Rousseau and Social Contract



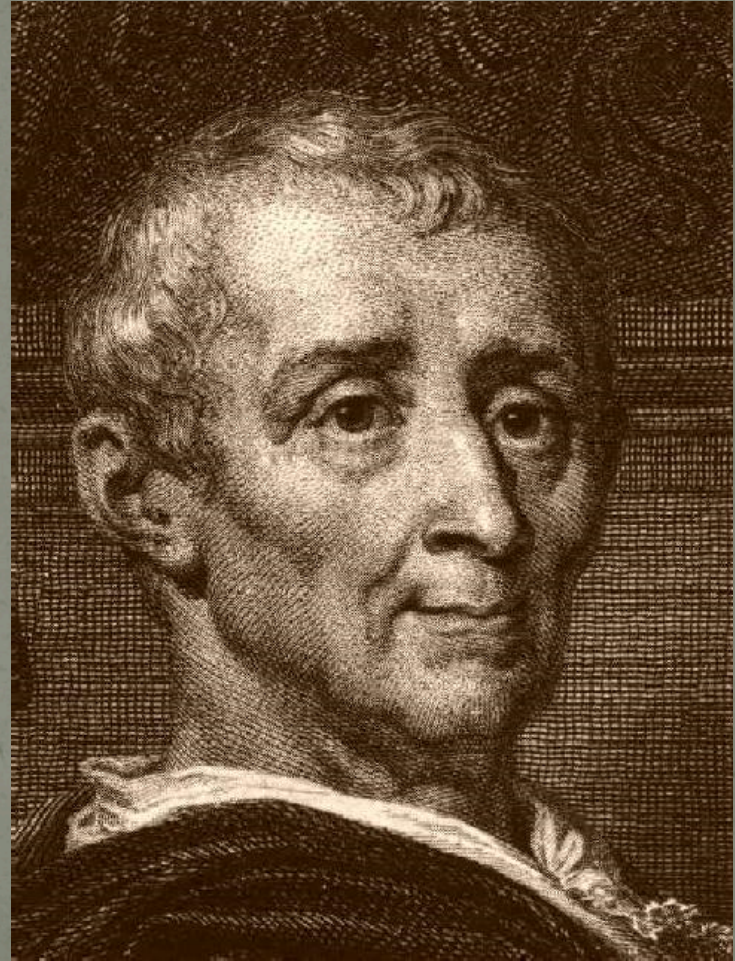
Rousseau

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Really loved
mankind

Montesquieu and Separation of Power

- People will always try to get more power
- Too much power = rights denied
- Best prevention : 3 branches to limit power: executive, legislative, judicial
- Believed in Constitutional (limited) Monarchy
- Wrote *On the Spirit of the Laws*

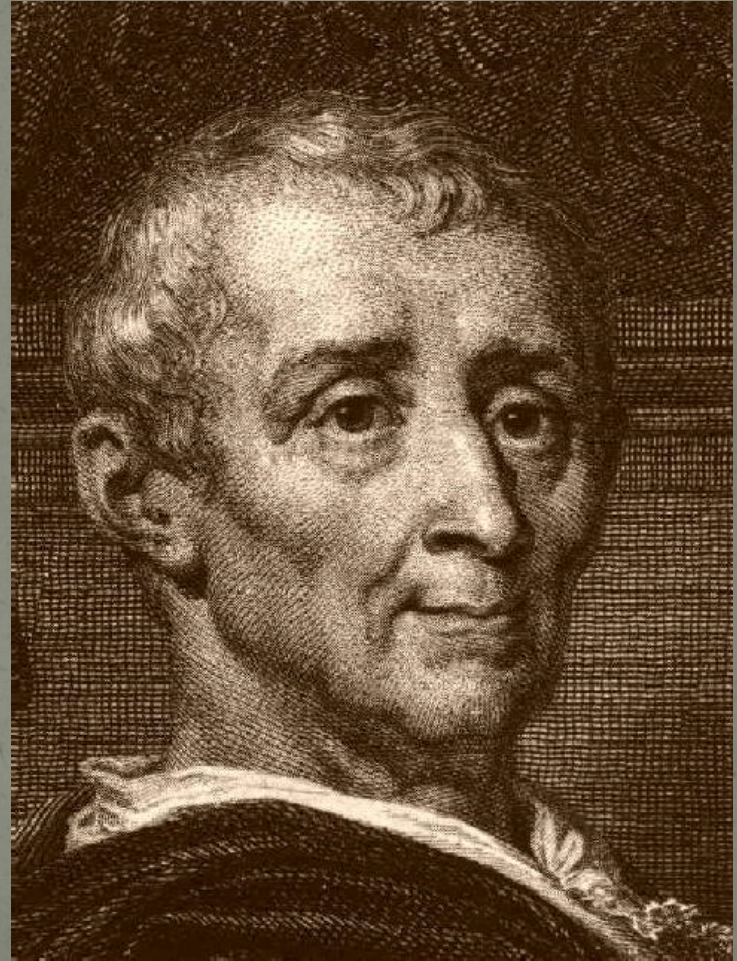


Montesquieu and Separation of Power

Montesquieu

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Monarchy is askew
(wrong),
3 branches is right



Paragraph Response

Which Enlightenment philosopher do you agree with most? Explain and support your answer with evidence. Describe your own ideal form of government, your view of people, and key points to your own philosophy.