


# THE ENLIGHTENMENT

- What was it?
  - an intellectual movement in Europe during the 1700s
    - dealt w/ changing ideas of government and society



## HOW DID IT START?

- came from the turmoil after the rise of absolute monarchs
- people began to question "truths"
  - "divine right"
    - religion
    - science
    - freedom



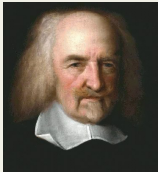
## MAJOR THEMES

- Reason - logical thinking
- Progress - faith in science
- Liberty - individual freedom
- Goodness - man by nature is good
- Individuality - one person can make a difference




## MAJOR FIGURES

- Thomas Hobbs - *Leviathan* (1651)
  - people are selfish and wicked
    - need a strong ruler
  - "social contract"
    - people give up rights for order




- John Locke - *Two Treatises on Government*
  - people are born w/ "natural rights"



■ **Voltaire**

- known for satire
- champion for tolerance
  - specifically religion

A portrait of Voltaire, a French philosopher, writer, and historian. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark coat over a white cravat and a red waistcoat. He has long, wavy hair and is looking slightly to the right of the viewer.

■ **Jean Jacques Rousseau – *The Social Contract***

- individual freedoms
  - all have stake in government

A portrait of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, a French philosopher, writer, and composer. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a light-colored coat over a white cravat. He has long, wavy hair and is looking directly at the viewer.


■ **Beccaria – *On Crime and Punishment***

- criticized justice system
  - trial by jury
  - anti-torture
  - anti-capital punishment

A portrait of Cesare Beccaria, an Italian philosopher, jurist, and criminologist. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark coat over a white cravat and a red waistcoat. He is looking down at a book he is holding in his hands.

■ **Mary Wollstonecraft – *A Vindication of the Rights of Women***

- early "feminist"
  - pro-education
  - political rights

A portrait of Mary Wollstonecraft, an English philosopher, writer, and feminist. She is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark dress with a white cravat. She is looking directly at the viewer and holding a book.