



Enlightenment 3.b

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Influences

- The Enlightenment era effected the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and the U.S. Constitution.



Bill of Rights

- This document was influenced by the Enlightenment with its emphasis on natural rights, based off of ideas from John Locke.
- John Locke said that men have equal rights and by nature are free, equal, and born with rights that can't be taken away.

Declaration of Independence

- Thomas Jefferson took two of the main ideas of Enlightenment thinker, John Locke. One of his ideas was that every man deserves the; Rights of Life, Liberty, and The Pursuit of Happiness.

The U.S. Constitution

- This document was based on the ideas of Enlightenment thinkers such as John Locke's, "Natural Rights Philosophy," and Montisquieu's, "The Spirit of Laws."