

Enlightenment Thinkers

Locke	England	<i>Two Treatises on Government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Observation: government exists to preserve life, liberty, and property. -Hypothesis: people should be sovereign (rule) -Hypothesis: monarchs are not chosen by God.
Hobbes	England	<i>Leviathan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Observation: Life without government is solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short. -Hypothesis: Absolute government needed to control evil behavior (not Divine Right)
Montesquieu	France	<i>The Spirit of the Laws</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Observation: When the legislature and executive are united in the same person, there is no liberty -Hypothesis: Government must have a separation of powers.
Rousseau	France	<i>The Social Contract</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Observation: "man is born free, but everywhere he is in chains." -Hypothesis: Government is a contract between people and rulers. People can break this contract (rebellion)
Voltaire	France		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Observation: Life is better with liberty. -Hypothesis: Freedom of speech and religion, separation of church and state -"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

