

European Enlightenment Quiz

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- ___ 1. Enlightenment writers often faced censorship because they
 - a. wrote fiction.
 - b. challenged the old order.
 - c. supported traditional ideas.
 - d. wrote in salons.
- ___ 2. In *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, Mary Wollstonecraft argued that women and men should have equal
 - a. property rights.
 - b. education.
 - c. voting rights.
 - d. employment opportunities.
- ___ 3. Diderot's *Encyclopedia* was important because it
 - a. compiled classical Greek and Roman works.
 - b. spread Enlightenment ideas.
 - c. was the first publication printed with moveable type.
 - d. was the first publication to include articles by women.
- ___ 4. Enlightenment thinkers were influenced by the idea of natural law that emerged from the
 - a. Reformation.
 - b. Glorious Revolution.
 - c. Scientific Revolution.
 - d. Renaissance.
- ___ 5. The intellectuals of the Enlightenment advocated the
 - a. creation of a new religion of sciences.
 - b. use of the science, logic, and reason to foster progress toward a "better" society.
 - c. application of religious precepts to all knowledge.
 - d. abandonment of reason for the purpose of developing human knowledge.
- ___ 6. Thomas Hobbes argued that the best form of government was
 - a. a theocracy.
 - b. an absolute monarchy.
 - c. a democracy.
 - d. any type that was chosen by the people.
- ___ 7. What Enlightenment thinker argued that the purpose of government is to safeguard the natural rights of the people?
 - a. Thomas Hobbes
 - b. Voltaire
 - c. René Descartes
 - d. John Locke
- ___ 8. The philosopher who praised the checks and balances of the British constitution was
 - a. Diderot.
 - b. Voltaire.
 - c. Montesquieu.
 - d. Rousseau.
- ___ 9. Philosophes advocated political reforms such as
 - a. allowing people the right to liberty.
 - b. allowing the use of torture in prisons.
 - c. using government funds to support religious renewal movements.
 - d. extending civil rights to women.
- ___ 10. Enlightened Absolutism
 - a. was based more on practical measures to strengthen the power of the state than to "reform" and free their populations.
 - b. was best illustrated by the activity of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.
 - c. was truly applied only briefly, in the ten months before the death of Emelyan Pugachev.
 - d. was limited by the desires of the middle classes to retain their special advantages.

