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Enlightenment Philosophers Organizer

	Thomas Hobbes
Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1588-1679 ▪ English civil war going on; King beheaded ▪ Wrote <i>Leviathan (1649)</i>, a defense of absolute monarchies
State of Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Everyone equal, free ▪ No laws ▪ Violent, fearful lives
Social Contract <i>(Who between? Purpose?)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Between the people only- not people/king ▪ Gave up freedom/rights for security/peace
Purpose of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish order/peace
Role of The King <i>(Main job? Amount of power?)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secure peaceful society; ▪ ensure life, liberty, property ▪ is above the law; can't be overthrown
Rights of the People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Born free and equal, but gave up rights ▪ (Rights not specifically stated...but we know they DON'T have the right to overthrow the sovereign)
Best form of Government? <i>(Explain)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Best = Absolute ruler (King) ▪ would provide firm, consistent leadership
Influence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Got other people thinking about government and its best form

	John Locke
Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1632-1704; English ▪ Science/Medicine professor ▪ Wrote <i>Two Treatises of Govt. (1690)</i>
State of Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreed with Hobbes that the State of Nature is brutal
Social Contract <i>(Who between? Purpose?)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Between people & sovereign ▪ Contract needed to assure peace
Purpose of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To promote the public good; ▪ To protect property and promote commerce (business/trade)
Role of The King <i>(Main job? Amount of power?)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To protect the rights of the people ▪ Property = most important right ▪ King's power is limited by the people
Rights of the People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People have natural rights of life, liberty, property ▪ Rights can't be taken away or given up ▪ People have the right to revolt
Best form of Government? <i>(Explain)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representative government (people vote) ▪ Run by men of property/business, not the masses (who are unfit) ▪ Maybe a king...but with limited power.
Influence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thomas Jefferson uses his ideas in the Declaration of Independence

	Charles Montesquieu
Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1689-1755; French nobility ▪ Wrote anti-monarch, anti-church book ▪ Also wrote <i>The Spirit of the Laws</i> (1748)
State of Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Says people are fearful ▪ the need for food causes people to form societies ▪ a state of war exists between people.
Social Contract <i>(Who between? Purpose?)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Doesn't describe it, but says when people enter society, it causes inequality and war
Purpose of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laws and govt. are developed by the people in order to have peace/end war ▪ Purpose is to maintain law and order, political liberty, and individual property.
Role of The King <i>(Main job? Amount of power?)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Doesn't say exactly what the King does ▪ Says the power of the monarch should be limited
Rights of the People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can infer the people have the right to political liberty and individual property, since that is the purpose of the government
Best form of Government? <i>(Explain)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Power split into legislative, judicial and executive branches which limit each other's power ▪ No absolute monarch; power limited to prevent <i>despotism</i>.
Influence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ideas used as foundation for the U.S. Constitution/form of government

	Jean-Jacques Rousseau
Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1712-1778; born in Geneva where all adult males could vote ▪ Traveled widely ▪ Wrote a series of essays, including The Social Contract in 1762
State of Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People were free, equal, peaceful, and happy at first ▪ When people began to claim property as their own, inequality, murder, and war resulted
Social Contract <i>(Who between? Purpose?)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Social Contract was a fraud ▪ Rich, powerful people stole the land/property and fooled everyone else into accepting their rule.
Purpose of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To protect everyone's life, liberty and property while each person remained free
Role of The King <i>(Main job? Amount of power?)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No King allowed. ▪ Instead, the people give up all of their rights to "the whole community"
Rights of the People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People give up their rights to the "whole community" ▪ The "Civil State" provides security, justice, liberty, and protects property ▪ Citizens can be forced to obey the "will of the people"
Best form of Government? <i>(Explain)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No elected representatives; everyone meets to discuss laws/vote ▪ Some "officials" needed to run things ▪ Religion discouraged because it divides/weakens the community
Influence?	Ideas influenced the preamble to the US Constitution ("We the people...")