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- **The Enlightenment**

- I. Background of the movement

- A. Was also called The Age of **Reason**,

- B. Lasted from approximately **1687-1789**

- C. A movement of **philosophy** that took place in Europe and later in North America.

- D. Flowed out of the **Scientific Revolution** and caused people to want to use **reason** to understand the behavior of individuals and human **society**

- E. Led by people known as **philosophes** or philosophers

LEVELED QUESTIONS

- Level 1- asks us to recall information.
- Please write down the following on the left hand side of your notes as I model it: “What was another name for the Enlightenment?”
- Level 2- asks us to process information, compare/contrast, analyze, etc.
- “Why might the Enlightenment be connected to the Scientific Revolution?”

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II. Major **ideas** of the Enlightenment

A. **Reason**- People believed they could use their intellect to discover truth about humans and society.

B. **Skepticism**- They desired **proof** that something is true. They began to express suspicion toward rulers and the religious church at the time.

C. **Religious tolerance**- they believed that people should be able to believe what they wanted without being treated badly

D. Personal **liberty** of individuals. Humans had rights which could not be taken away by the government.

E. **Progress**- they believed that humans were getting better all the time and causing advancement in society.

LEVELED QUESTIONS

- Level 3- asks us to apply concepts, predict, wonder about concepts-
- Write on left side of notes: “Which of these 5 ideas is the most widespread in American society today?”