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**Enlightenment Review Questions**

1. In what ways did the Scientific Revolution influence the Enlightenment?

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2. Locke says that at the beginning of time everyone lived peacefully in a state of nature. There was no government or rules of any kind to restrict people. Yet they cooperated in their work and settled disputes with each other reasonably and peacefully. They did this because they understood that everyone has natural rights given to them by God. Reason told them that everyone was better off if everyone's rights were respected and protected.

Compare and contrast Hobbes’s perspective on man with Locke’s above and explain how that perspective affects their respective ideal governments.

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3. What is the social contract and how does it work?

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4. In his book *Two Treatises of Government,* Locke argued that governments should onlyexist with the consent or approval of whom?What did he say should happen if the governmentdoes not do its job?

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5. Why does Montesquieu argue for a separation of powers? Can this separation always work for all types of governments? Explain.

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6. After reading about the Enlightenment philosophers, how do you think they would define equality and freedom?

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Now read the quote below and then answer the question that follows.

“I am apt to suspect the Negroes, and in general all other species of men to be naturally inferior to the whites. There never was any civilized nation of any other complection than white, nor even any individual eminent in action or speculation [mind].”

Enlightenment philosopher David Hume, 1742

7. Using context clues, what does the word “eminent” mean in the sentence above? How do you know?

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8. Do the ideals of freedom and equality apply to everyone during the Enlightenment? Explain using the quote above.

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9. Given your definitions in the previous question, what are the limits to the Enlightenment period? Use the text above to support your answer.

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10. How does Voltaire’s beliefs challenge the theory of the Divine Right of Kings? Explain.

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