

Important & Useful Info #4

Enlightenment and Its Contexts

Crude & Provisional Outline:

- I. A Practice Triad (hooray!)
- II. Contexts of the Enlightenment
- III. Some General Statements
- IV. Origins & Emergence: Newton, Voltaire & Locke
- V. Enlightenment Orientations
- VI. Caveats & Qualifications

Terms, People, Places:

Atlantic system	slavery
public opinion	consumption
Peter the Great (Russia)	Great Northern War
balance of power	Isaac Newton
Voltaire (François-Marie Arouet)	Émilie du Châtelet
John Locke	Immanuel Kant
Jean Jacques Rousseau	Condorcet
Baron Montesquieu	

Chronology of Major Events:

1687	Isaac publishes <i>Principia Mathematica</i>
1690	John Locke publishes <i>Essay Concerning Human Understanding & Second Treatise</i>
1700-1721	Great Northern War: Russia defeats Sweden, gains access to Baltic coast
1702-1713	War of Spanish Succession: France vs. "Grand Alliance"
1703	Founding of St. Petersburg (Russia)
1707	Formal union of England and Scotland to form Great Britain
1713	Treaty of Utrecht (ends war of Spanish Succession)
1721	Treaty of Nystad (ends Great Northern War)
1721	Montesquieu publishes <i>Persian Letters</i>
1733	Voltaire publishes <i>Letters Concerning the English Nation</i>
1738	Voltaire publishes <i>Elements of Philosophy of Newton</i> (with help of Châtelet)
1748	Montesquieu publishes <i>Spirit of the Laws</i>
1762	Rousseau publishes <i>The Social Contract</i>
1776	American Declaration of Independence
1787	Writing of American Constitution
1784	Immanuel Kant publishes <i>What is Enlightenment?</i>