

## Activity Three: The Enlightenment

### INDIVIDUAL REPORT

What position do you take regarding the debate between living in a “state of nature” or living in a “civil society”? Explain in detail your reasons for taking the position you have chosen, and how your thinking compares to that of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Baron de Montesquieu. How have the philosophies of these four thinkers contributed to the concept of democracy?

#### Evaluation Criteria:

- Response demonstrates an understanding of both a “state of nature” and a “civil society.”
- Response states which you would prefer, to live in a “state of nature” or a “civil society,” and includes at least three reasons for your decision
- Response includes a comparison between your thoughts and those of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu
- Response includes an explanation of the extent to which Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu contributed to the concept of democracy.

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EC	Exceeds EC	Meets the EC	Progressing towards the EC's	Minimally addresses the EC's
Response demonstrates an understanding of both a “state of nature” and a “civil society.”  (25%)	Response demonstrates an understanding of both a “state of nature” and a “civil society” with advantages and disadvantages of both clearly stated  (25%)	Response demonstrates an understanding of both a “state of nature” and a “civil society.”  (21%)	Response demonstrates an understanding of either a “state of nature” or a “civil society.”  (18%)	Response demonstrates an unclear or incomplete understanding  (15%)
Response states which you would prefer, to live in a “state of nature” or a “civil society,” and includes at least three reasons for your decision  (25%)	Response states which you would prefer, to live in a “state of nature” or a “civil society,” and includes more than three reasons for your decision  (25%)	Response states which you would prefer, to live in a “state of nature” or a “civil society,” and includes at least three reasons for your decision  (21%)	Response states which you would prefer, in a “state of nature” or a “civil society,” and includes two reasons for your decision  (18%)	Response states which you would prefer, to live in a “state of nature” or a “civil society,” and includes only one reason for your decision  (15%)
Response includes a comparison between your thoughts and those of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu  (25%)	Response includes a comparison between your thoughts and those of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu. With each philosopher’s specific position clearly identified  (25%)	Response includes a comparison between your thoughts and those of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu  (21%)	Response includes a comparison between your thoughts and only three philosophers  (18%)	Response only compares your thoughts to two of the philosophers, or the comparison is unclear or incomplete  (15%)
Response includes an explanation of the extent to which Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu contributed to the concept of democracy.  (25%)	Response includes an explanation of the extent to which Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu contributed to the concept of democracy, with each philosopher’s specific beliefs clearly identified.  (25%)	Response includes an explanation of the extent to which Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu contributed to the concept of democracy.  (21%)	Response includes an explanation of the extent to which only three of the philosophers contributed to the concept of democracy.  (18%)	Response includes an explanation of the extent to which only two of the philosophers contributed to the concept of democracy, or the explanation is unclear or incomplete.  (15%)