

## Enlightenment Quote Analysis

List the names of group members:

How did the Enlightenment create a system of justice for the few and define a system of justified discrimination for many whose legacy lasts into societies today?

Based on the following quotes, work with your partners to analyze what kind of society would be created if these ideas were followed:

Quote	Analysis of impact on society
"All mankind... being all equal and independent, no one ought to harm another in his life, health, liberty or possessions." John Locke	
"Always recognize that human individuals are ends, and do not use them as means to your end." Immanuel Kant	
"When the body of the people is possessed of the supreme power, it is called a democracy." Baron de Montesquieu	
"No man has any natural authority over his fellow men." Jean-Jacques Rousseau	
"The ignorant man is not free, because what confronts him is an alien world, something outside him and in the offing, on which he depends, without his having made this foreign	

<p>world for himself and therefore without being at home in it by himself as in something his own. The impulse of curiosity, the pressure for knowledge, from the lowest level up to the highest rung of philosophical insight arises only from the struggle to cancel this situation of unfreedom and to make the world one's own in one's ideas and thought.” Georg Hegel</p>	
<p>“Our mind is enriched by what we receive, our heart by what we give.” Victor Hugo</p>	
<p>“Think for yourself and let others enjoy the privilege of doing so too.” Voltaire</p>	
<p>“The Rich and Poor meet together; the Lord is the Maker of them all...the Rich and Poor are mingled, or rather associated together as the same community...a manifest Equality as to their Nature and Origin.” Robert Moss</p>	

Now analyze the following quotes from the same people and evaluate what kind of society would be created if these ideas were followed:

Quote	Analysis of impact on society
<p>“I may grow rich by an Art that I take not delight in; I may be cured of some Disease by Remedies that I have not Faith in; but I cannot be saved by a Religion that I distrust, and by a Worship that I abhor.” Locke</p>	
<p>Native “Americans and Negroes can’t govern themselves...Thus they serve only as slaves.” “The virtue of a woman is a <i>beautiful virtue</i>... That of the male sex ought to be a <i>noble virtue</i>. Women will avoid evil not because it unjust, but because it is ugly.” And: “They [women] do something only because they love to, and the art lies in making sure that they love only what is good. I hardly believe that the fair sex is capable of principles.” Kant</p>	
<p>“Weak minds exaggerate too much the wrong done to the Africans.” Montesquieu</p>	
<p>“The women’s entire education should be planned in relation to men. To please men, to be useful to them, to win their love and respect, to raise them as children, care for them as adults... these are women’s duties in all ages and these are what they should be</p>	

<p>taught from childhood.”</p> <p>Rousseau</p>	
<p>African people are “a host of separate, antagonistic national Spirits who hate and fight each other to the death.”</p> <p>Hegel</p>	
<p>“Whites made Blacks Into men;...Europe will make Africa into a world.”</p> <p>Hugo</p>	
<p>“...the measure of their intellects, make a prodigious difference between them and other species of men;and what demonstrates, that they are not indebted for this difference to their climates, is that Negro men and women, being transported into the coldest countries, constantly produce animals of their own species;and that mulattoes are only a bastard race of black men and white women, or white men and black women, as assess, specifically different from horses, produce mules by copulating with mares.”</p> <p>Voltaire</p>	
<p>Sodomy or bestiality: When the object of the desire is in fact of the opposite sex but is not</p>	

<p>human. This is contrary to the ends of humanity and against our natural instinct. It degrades mankind below the level of animals, for no animal turns in this way from its own species. These activities make a man unworthy of his humanity; he no longer deserves to be a person. From the point of view of duties towards himself such conduct is the most disgraceful and the most degrading of which man is capable.</p> <p>Kant</p>	
<p>the poor man “to rest contented with that state or condition in which it hath pleased God to rank him” “in much knowledge the Lord has divided them and made their ways diverse.”</p> <p>Robert Moss</p>	

Answer the following questions:

1. What do you think accounts for the differences in the same person's ideas?
2. How will these ideas shape society in any region Europeans interact with?
3. Do any of these views sound like views you see in our world today? Please find a specific example by doing a quick current event search and summarize it here.

Current event title, source and summary	Connect the event to any of the Enlightenment quotes.

4. At this early point, can you see how the Enlightenment actually defined a system of justified discrimination whose legacy lasts into societies today? Explain your answer.