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to the growing wave of social unrest in france in the eighteenth century the enlightenment age of reason was a revolution in thought in europe and north america from the late 17th century to the late 18th century the enlightenment involved new approaches in philosophy science and politics the enlightenment also known as the age of reason was a philosophical movement in europe during the 17th and 18th centuries at its core was a belief in the use and celebration of reason the power by which humans understand the universe and improve their own condition enlightenment toward the middle of the eighteenth century a shift in thinking occurred this shift is known as the enlightenment you have probably already heard of some important enlightenment figures like rousseau diderot and voltaire learn about the 18th century an era of new knowledge scientific discovery european colonialism and the transatlantic slave trade the enlightenment is the name given to a period of discovery and learning that flourished among europeans and americans from about 1680 1820 changing the way they viewed the world key points the enlightenment was a philosophical movement that dominated in europe during the 18th century it was centered around the idea that reason is the primary source of authority and legitimacy and it advocated such ideals as liberty progress tolerance fraternity constitutional government and separation of church and state toward the middle of the eighteenth century a shift in thinking occurred this shift is known as the enlightenment you have probably already heard of some important enlightenment figures like rousseau diderot and voltaire the enlightenment has been defined in many different ways but at its broadest was a philosophical intellectual and cultural movement of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries it stressed reason logic criticism and freedom of thought over dogma blind faith and superstition these events culminated in the enlightenment an intellectual movement in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries that sought to improve society through fact based reason and inquiry the the enlightenment also known as the age of reason was an intellectual and cultural movement in the eighteenth century that emphasized reason over superstition and science over blind faith the perceptions and propaganda of the philosophes have led historians to locate the age of reason within the 18th century or more comprehensively between the two revolutions the english of 1688 and the french of 1789 but in conception it should be traced to the humanism of the renaissance which encouraged scholarly interest in classical between the late seventeenth and late eighteenth centuries there was a period of rapid intellectual change that came to be known as the enlightenment thinkers writers artists political leaders and also new groups of ordinary people drove this major cultural and intellectual movement the enlightenment or the age of reason was an intellectual and cultural 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