

1 A multitude of laws often only hampers justice.

—René Descartes
Discourse on Method, 1637



2 Sovereign power is conferred by the consent of the people.

—Thomas Hobbes
Leviathan, 1651



3 [People] unite, for the mutual preservation of their lives, liberties and...property.

—John Locke
Two Treatises of Government, 1689

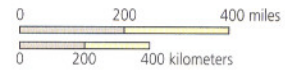


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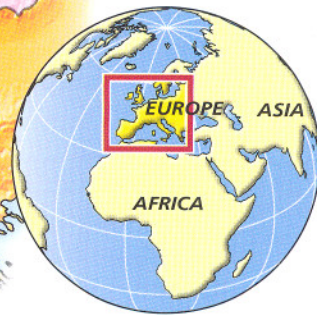
1648–1776

- 1** Home of Enlightenment author
- Flow of Enlightenment ideas

Map shows boundaries of 1763.



G Pamphlets, books, and letters from Enlightenment thinkers encouraged political change. Look at pages 96–98 to see the impact these ideas had.



4 It is necessary...that power should be a check to power.

—Charles de Secondat
Baron de Montesquieu
The Spirit of the Laws, 1748



5 All men are by nature free.

—Voltaire
Candide, 1759



6 The people, being subject to the laws, ought to be their author.

—Jean-Jacques Rousseau
The Social Contract, 1762

