Note Outline for Lesson on “The Enlightenment”

Read Immanuel Kant’s “What is Enlightenment” and answer the following questions:

1) Why did Kant believe that most persons never reach maturity?

2) What did Kant mean by the term enlightenment? By freedom?

3) What was Kant’s explanation for the existence of “guardians” in Western society?

4) What did Kant think to be the function of statutes and customs?

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5) What was the Enlightenment? Which prior movements influenced the Enlightenment?

6) Who were the *philosophes* and what did they believe?

7) Describe the major ideas of the following three *philosophes*:
   - Voltaire:

   - Rousseau:

   - Montesquieu:

8) Describe the ideas of the following women intellectuals of the Enlightenment:
   - Emilie du Chatelet:

   - Mary Wollstonecraft:

9) Describe the major ideas of three major political and/or economic thinkers:
   - John Locke:
Adam Smith:

Cesare Beccaria:

10) Describe the differences in their views of a “social contract” among Locke, Hobbes, and Rousseau.

11) Where did intellectuals gather to discuss topics having to do with Enlightenment thought? What was the purpose and effect of such meetings?

12) What was the contribution of Denis Diderot to the Enlightenment? Why was this important?

13) How did literacy rates change in France between the 17th and the 18th centuries? What was the implication of this to the Enlightenment?...for the French Revolution?

14) Who were the “Enlightened Despots”? Why did they try to embrace some ideas of the Enlightenment?

15) Name three of the “Enlightened Despots” including the names of their countries. Which event caused many of them to back away from reforms based on Enlightenment ideas?

16) What was the name of the revolutionary play which criticized the nobility and was banned for a time? Who was the author? Who turned this into an opera? What was the effect of the play and opera?

17) Referencing Goya’s painting, “The Sleep of Reason Produces Monsters”, how does it reflect the ideas of Enlightenment thinkers?