

Comparing Philosophers & Revolutions

10.2 – Students compare and contrast the Glorious Revolution of England, the American Revolution, and the French Revolution and their enduring effects worldwide on the political expectations for self-government and individual liberty.

1. Compare the major ideas of philosophers and their effects on the democratic revolutions in England, the United States, and France.

	John Locke 1632-1704	Charles-Louis Montesquieu 1689-1755	Jean-Jacques Rousseau 1712-1778
English Revolution 1688 <i>aka</i> Glorious Revolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ principle of natural rights ▪ government has an obligation to its people to protect their natural rights or they may revolt/overthrow the government ▪ influenced the creation of the Bill of Rights 	n/a <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> The Glorious Revolution, also called the Revolution of 1688, should not be confused with the English Civil War, a series of armed conflicts between 1642 and 1651. </div>	n/a
American Revolution 1775-1783	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ natural rights ▪ if government does not protect your natural rights you have the right to rebel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ read by American revolutionaries ▪ separation of powers & checks and balances ideas in the Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “social contract” ▪ concept of popular sovereignty-representatives
French Revolution 1789-1799	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ influenced Voltaire and Rousseau as an Enlightenment thinker, who in turn influenced the French Revolution. ▪ responsible for liberal tradition that became democratic theory ▪ natural rights ▪ right to revolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ separation of powers provided an idea of government other than monarchy for the French revolutionaries to follow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ concept of popular sovereignty-representatives ▪ The Declaration of the Rights of Man is based on Rousseau’s philosophies