

# The Spread of Enlightenment Ideas

## Foundations of the Enlightenment

BACON and DESCARTES:  
Reason and Logic

ISAAC NEWTON:  
Natural Law

HOBBS and ROUSSEAU:  
The Social Contract

JOHN LOCKE:  
Natural Rights—Life, Liberty, and Property

VOLTAIRE:  
Religious Tolerance

MONTESQUIEU:  
Separation of Powers

BECCARIA:  
Reform of Criminal Justice System

ENLIGHTENMENT  
THOUGHT

## Impact of the Enlightenment

Growth of Secular Ideas;  
Importance of Education

Belief in Progress

American and French Revolutions,  
Independence Movements

Declaration of Independence; Rights of Man  
and Citizen; Growth of Individualism

U.S. Bill of Rights and  
Enlightened Monarchies

French, U.S., and Latin  
American Constitutions

Abolishment of Torture and  
Capital Punishment