

Enlightenment Blog Discussion

The study of the Enlightenment provides a lot of room for discussion of the new philosophies of the 18th century. Rather than having a face-to-face discussion about the different ideas of the Enlightenment *philosophes*, we will return to the blog format and have Enlightenment thinkers correspond with each other through the magic of the internet!

You are going to assume the role of one of the thinkers of the Enlightenment era. In character, you will write a couple of blog posts. In your blog you will comment on the “current age” (Enlightenment era) and the issues that are important to you. Be prepared to comment on the blogs.

Part One—What you need to do:

- Research the theories of your assigned philosopher. Do not worry about biographical information unless it is important to their theories.
- Write TWO blog posts. Each blog post should:
 - Summarize a theory of the philosophe or an issue they felt was important. Remember to write the blog post as if, you are the actual philosophe.
 - Explain their ideas in simple terms
 - Be brief (about 2 paragraphs)
 - Be in your own words!
 - Cite your sources in MLA format! Do not depend on regular internet sources. While our textbook is a good place to start, it should not be your only source. The Gale Databases should be used. Put your citation at the end of the post.
- Familiarize yourself with the other thinkers. Be prepared to comment on the blogs of your “peers.” You will both agree with them and challenge them!

Blogs are due *at the start of class* on _____.

Part Two:

In class (on the due date) we are going to read our classmates’ blogs. Students will then comment on their classmates’ blog in “character” as their assigned thinker. More instructions on blog commenting will come later.

Roles

Voltaire

Baron de Montesquieu

Denis Diderot

Jean Jacques Rousseau

David Hume

Mary Wollstonecraft

Adam Smith

Cesare Beccaria

Frederick the Great

Catherine the Great

Joseph II

To access and write “your” blog:

If you need pictures to help, look back to the chapter 13 blog assignment.

Step 1:

Go to the blog website: <https://kidblog.org/class/enlightenment-blog-2016-2017>

You can also click on the link from by website.

Step 2: Log in

Select your name (the leader you were assigned) and type the password.

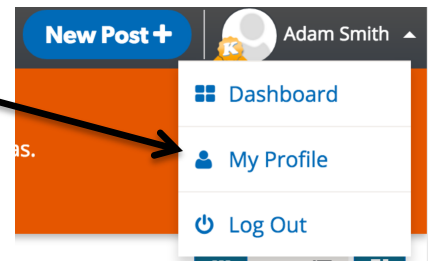
The password for all of the leaders is “**daretoknow**”

Step 3: Go to “My Profile”.

In the top right corner (by the character name), click on the triangle to access the drop-down menu.



Select “My Profile.” From here you should change your avatar. (I did this for you on the chapter 13 blog).



Step 4: Write a Post!

Go to “New Post”. From this screen you should give your post a title and then write it! It is fairly easy to format and to add pictures or other media.

If you want to see what your post will look like once it is published, click on preview.

To see your “live” blog:

Click on “your” name from the list of class members on the right of the page.