Crash Course European History: Viewing Guide
Episode 18: The Enlightenment

Terms to know from this episode:

- Montesquieu
- Voltaire
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- Enlightenment Salon
- Philosophe
- Denis Diderot
- Encyclopedia
- David Hume
- Diests
- Olaudah Equiano
- Adam Smith
- Immanuel Kant
- Moses Mendelssohn

1. If you didn’t know anything about the science behind it, how might you explain an Earthquake?

2. Some thought the earthquake in ____________________________ (1755) was punishment for the world’s sins, while others looked for answers using reason and science.

3. Name two new luxury commodities that to experimentation.
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4. Travellers to _______________________________ were impressed with how less quarrelsome people seemed compared to Europeans.

5. In The Persian Letters, ______________________________ about how shocked and amused Uzbeck travellers are about Europe.

6. In Candide, ______________________________ made fun of rulers and their corruption, valuing honesty and simple lives.

7. In Emile, ______________________________ encouraged a natural education, focusing on carpentry, gardening and practical skills. Women were encouraged to stick to domestic skills.

8. Women hosted ______________________________ regular get-togethers in their homes to hear the latest idea, learn about the latest book, or meet the latest philosopher-influencer—called a ______________________________ in French.

9. The editor of the Encyclopedia, ______________________________ wrote “All things must be examined, debated, investigated without exception and without regard for anyone’s feelings.”
10. While _____________________________________________ promoted reason above religion, concluding that belief in God was mere superstition, ______________________________, argued that God existed but that he didn't influence everyday life after having set the machine of the universe in motion.

11. Enlightenment views also fed into rising movements in Britain, France, the Netherlands, and their colonies to abolish ___________________________________________.

12. In 1788 the freed slave __________________________________________ described the middle passage after he had been kidnapped in present-day Nigeria and enslaved. His book supported the abolition movement.

13. In An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of The Wealth of Nations (1776) ________________________________ argued for a laissez-faire market, where the sum of all self-interests would make for a prosperous society. He also argued for healing social policies.

14. Rousseau’s ____________________________________________, begins “Man is born free and everywhere he is in chains.” In it, he discusses the ________________________________ Will.”

15. ____________________________________________ argued for the ability of every person to think for themselves.

16. ____________________________________________ believed that the Enlightenment’s emphasis on reason would lead to the end of the persecution of Jewish people.

17. Explain how one Enlightenment idea discussed in this episode still resonates in current thinking.

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