

Age of Reason

Enlightenment

(Science vs. Miracles)

Age of Revolution

(Revolt from G.B.)

Age of Reason

Enlightenment (truth through reason)

will focus on

Key writers during the turbulent time of the Revolution.
1750-1800

Jean
DeCrevecoeur

- Born in France
- Optimistic Farmer
- “Letters from an American Farmer”

Patrick
Henry

- Continental Congress
- Military leader
- Governor
- His speech in the Virginia Convention starts war

Ben
Franklin

- Rags to riches
- Ambassador to Paris
- Wrote an autobiography
- Inventor

Thomas
Jefferson

- Governor
- 3rd Pres.
- Key writer of “The Declaration of Ind.”

Thomas
Paine

- Military Commander
- Hated England
- Common Sense*
- Am. Crisis*
- Age of Reason*

So what?

How did these non-fiction writers mold our history?
How did these writers help form our American Identity?
How do these writers reinforce Commager’s traits?

Whose Line Is It Anyway?

- “Give me liberty or give me death!”
- Patrick Henry
- “These are the times that try men’s souls.”
- Thomas Paine
- “Up, Sluggard, and waste not life: in the grave will be sleeping enough.”
- Benjamin Franklin
- “We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal....”
- Thomas Jefferson
- “Here individuals of all nations are melted into a new race of man.”
- De Crevecouer