

AP European History Test Review: Unit 4
The Scientific and Political Enlightenment

1. Make sure you understand the definition, the nature of, and the application of NATURAL LAWS as they relate to
 - a. Science
 - b. Politics
 - c. Human nature

2. Understand natural laws as an expression of optimism, confidence in human potential, and as explanations based on reason, rationality, and logic.

3. Make sure you can link the following enlightened thinkers to their contributions to the enlightenment. Be sure to consider their overall philosophy, their specific contributions, and perhaps, some of their publications.

a. Bacon	f. Copernicus	k. Voltaire
b. Descartes	g. Bayle	l. Adam Smith
c. Kepler	h. Hobbes	m. Rosseau
d. Galileo	i. Locke	
e. Newton	j. Montesquieu	

4. Consider the so-called enlightened despots. What did they do that might be characterized as “enlightened” and what did they do that was NOT enlightened? Be sure to identify what contributed to their desire to be enlightened and their accomplishments. Be sure to also consider what interfered or inhibited their desire an ability to be enlightened.
 - a. Frederick the Great
 - b. Catherine the Great
 - c. Maria Theresa
 - d. Joseph II