

ENLIGHTENED INFLUENCES

all-in-one kit

Build a strong base for US Government by exploring foundational Enlightened principles & primary sources

Multiple **activity and accommodations options** are included!

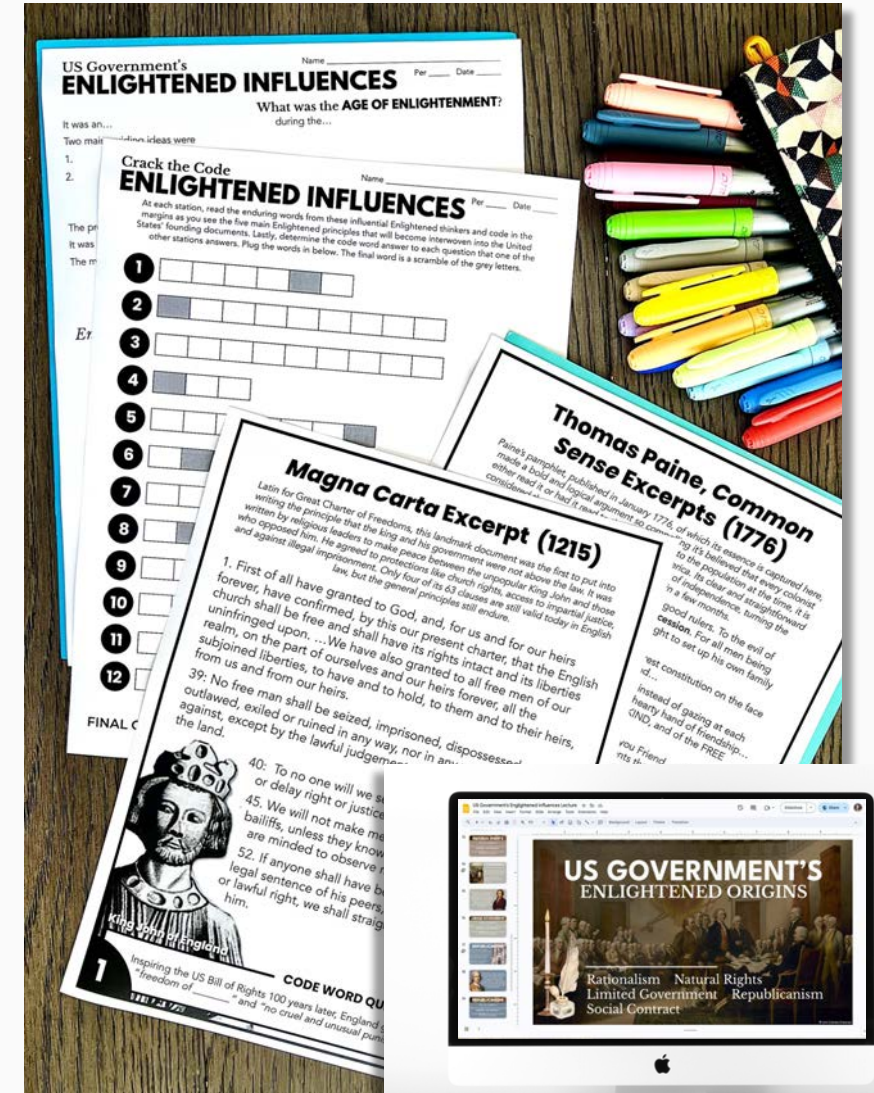
WHAT'S INCLUDED

Lecture Slides & Guided Notes: introduce the Age of Enlightenment and analyze the 5 key principles that influenced the US Government foundation

12 Primary Source Stations: close read key influential sources and analyze for the 5 principles

Crack the Code Activity: further reinforce key quotes and ideas with this bonus puzzle activity

INCLUDES BOTH PRINT PDF & GOOGLE FILES



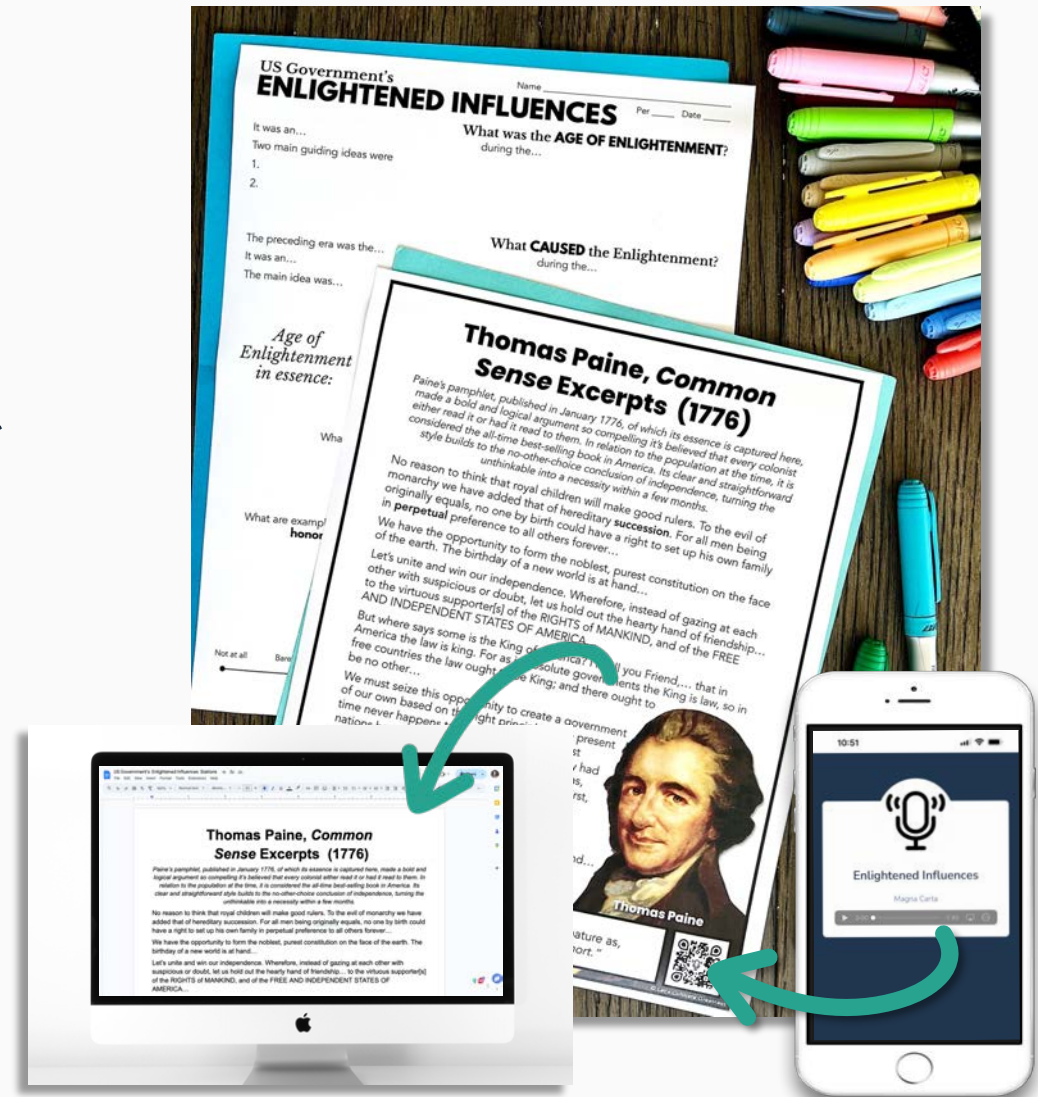
SUPPORT ALL YOUR *students*

Struggling, ELL, or Low-Vision Readers

- ✓ **Guided notes** with strong visual organization signals to support lecture
- ✓ **Audio recordings** of each source
- ✓ **Academic words** bolded for defining
- ✓ **Editable Google file versions** to further adjust reading level, translate language, or support low-vision students

Options to Tailor to All Your Students

- ✓ **Lecture** – for whole-class or self-guided, paper or digital
- ✓ **Stations & Crack the Code Puzzle Activities** – small-group, individual, paper or digital



I. ENLIGHTENED PRINCIPLES

lecture

INCLUDES

- ✓ 22 Lecture slides in Google Slides
- ✓ Slide-by-slide teacher script to teach topics like a pro
- ✓ Accompanying guided notes in both print PDF & Google Doc
- ✓ Visuals & analytical questions assist students in understanding

STUDENTS MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH REAL-LIFE MODERN EXAMPLES

The collage features several educational elements: a set of guided notes on 'Enlightened Principle 2: NATURAL RIGHTS' and 'US Government's ENLIGHTENED INFLUENCES', a candle, and a historical painting. A central graphic lists '5 Enlightened PRINCIPLES' and 'REPUBLICANISM'. Below this, three boxes provide definitions for 'NATURAL RIGHTS', 'SOCIAL CONTRACT', and 'REPUBLICANISM'.

5 Enlightened PRINCIPLES

- Rationalism
- Natural Rights
- Limited Government
- Republicanism
- Social Contract

REPUBLICANISM

Power rests with citizens through elected representatives

Government protects citizens!

NATURAL RIGHTS

Certain rights are universal and inherent to all people

Not bestowed onto a person by a government

Right to live as one pleases & reap the reward of one's work

SOCIAL CONTRACT

People surrender some freedoms in exchange for protection from government

Gives legitimacy to the government's authority

Any rational person would volunteer to enter this agreement

5 ENLIGHTENED PRINCIPLES

covered

- ✓ **Every slide** has thoughtfully chosen images & detailed teacher script
- ✓ **Key thinkers and quotes** are included to illustrate each principle
- ✓ **Students make real-world connections** and evaluate the role principles play in today's American society

CAN USE FOR WHOLE-CLASS OR INDIVIDUAL SELF-PACED ACTIVITY


NATURAL RIGHTS

Certain rights are universal and inherent to all people
Not bestowed onto a person by a government
Rights to life, liberty, and property



RATIONALISM

Use reason to improve their lives and discover truth
Confidence in using intellect to gain knowledge of how things work




LIMITED GOVERNMENT

The king is not all-powerful
Separate the church from the government & powers within government into branches
Promote democracy, tolerance, and individual freedoms



REPUBLICANISM

Power rests with citizens through elected representatives
Government protects citizens' rights; citizens contribute toward the public good
Alternative to monarchy, aristocracy, oligarchy



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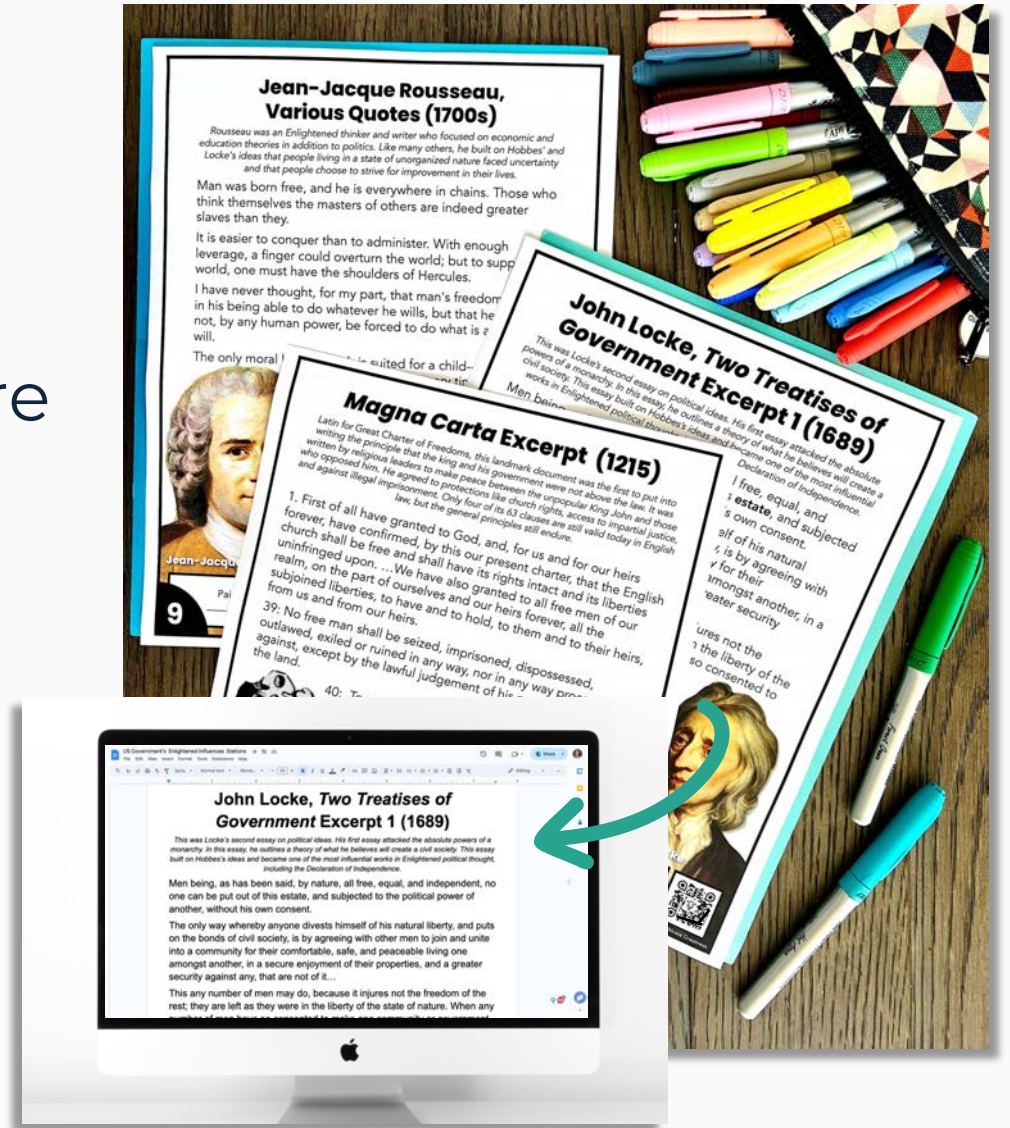


II. INFLUENTIAL SOURCES

stations

INCLUDES

- ✓ **12 stations** capturing key Enlightened thinkers' most famous sources
- ✓ **Selected excerpts curated** to illustrate the 5 key principles taught in the lecture
- ✓ **QR code to audio reading** and background context with each source
- ✓ **Crack the Code puzzle activity** to reinforce principles and add an element of fun—students find and unscramble secret words



FREQUENTLY ASKED *questions*

Will this work for middle school?

This is designed for and written at a **high school level**. If your students are advanced and you are willing to edit, it may work, but I can't guarantee anything. I use these materials with my mixed-ability on-level 12th grade Civics class.

Can I use this in a homeschooling setting?

Definitely! Detailed teacher notes and concise-yet-thorough **lecture slides** with detailed notes with each slide help **you** understand this topic and the activities before teaching it. And the **self-guided reading passages** and **fun puzzle activity** move your student(s) through essential learning without sacrificing rigor.

Is this editable?

Yes! All student materials come with a digital Google file version that is editable for the exclusive purpose for you to customize it to meet your students needs and make accommodations.

Will this work for my <insert unique setting here> classroom?

The preview and product description are **extremely detailed**—be sure to take a close look. Also know that all student materials comes with an editable, digital version. If you still have questions, feel free to **leave a Q&A!**

What standards does this address?

Several! This kit supports standards from various states, including:

Analyze major intellectual influences in primary sources that contributed to the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, and Bill of Rights -- Describe the influence of sources like the Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact, English Bill of Rights, and Common Sense on the US -- Identify individuals whose ideas influenced American government, like Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, Rousseau, and Paine – Analyze sources for central idea; identify text evidence to support claims