

Modern World History: Enlightenment Essay

Throughout the past week we have begun to discuss the origins of modern political theory by reading and discussing contrasting philosophies written by John Locke and Thomas Hobbes. Both men were writing in the aftermath of the English Civil War and Glorious Revolution, a period of time that saw tremendous conflict between emerging values concerning government, society, and basic human nature.

Assignment:

In a well-developed essay, create an argument to the following question:

“Which philosophy, that of Hobbes or Locke, is correct?”

When organizing your response, you may want to consider the following:

- Recognize that this is an argument over contrasting values: Liberty versus Order.
- What is the nature of man?
- What rights does man have? On what grounds?
- How and why are governments formed?
- On what grounds can a government be overthrown?
- YOU MUST PROVIDE AN ARGUMENT FOR WHICH PHILOSOPHY IS CORRECT!
- DO NOT REGURGITATE A SUMMARY OF THE PHILOSOPHER’S IDEAS.

In order to construct an argument, you will need to express an understanding of the philosophy you are discussing, but also ***provide your own outside evidence to support your claims.***

You may use any class notes, readings, discussion points, or outside resources necessary to help you formulate your thoughts.

Completed essays MUST:

- Be typed 12 pt font Times New Roman
- 1 inch margins
- double-spaced
- proper MLA heading
- include a title
- 2 complete pages in length. NO MORE, NO LESS

Essays are due at the start of class on _____