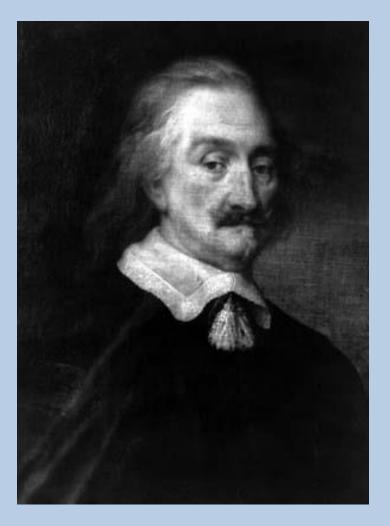
#### Ideas Behind the Declaration



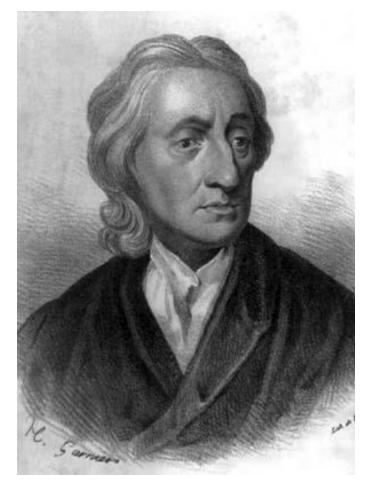
## **Thomas Hobbes**

- Man's natural state is war
- Strong ruler is necessary to restrain man's bestial tendencies
- Without a strong government, life would "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short."



# John Locke

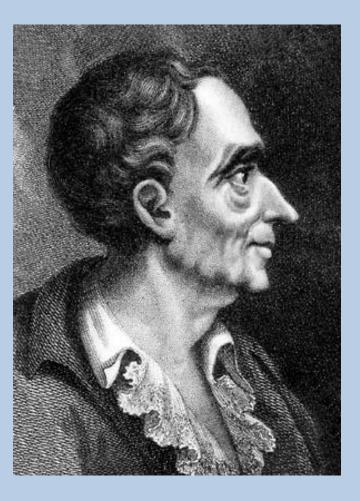
- natural rights (what are these?)
- people exist in a state where there are nor formal laws or government
- limits must be placed on government
- people have a right to revolt



### Baron de Montesquieu

 Separate branches of government, w/ distinct power

• can check other branches

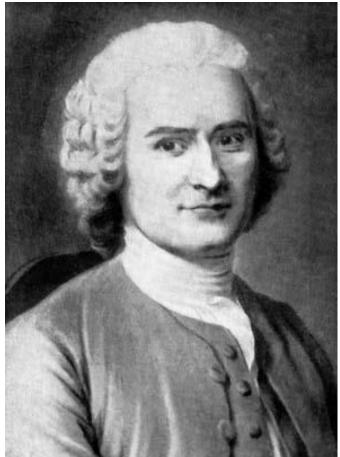


### Jean-Jacques Rousseau

• Natural rights

 sovereignty not in divine rights of kings

• laws made in public interest



#### AP Assignment

• Come up with at least 3 examples from the Declaration of Independence where each of the thinkers' ideas are represented. You should be able to find 3 for each thinker.

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Thinker	Idea	Excerpt
Locke	Natural Rights	"all men are created equal, that they are endowed with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

#### Advanced Assignment

Choose one of the four thinkers from our notes to make a Glogster (digital) or Facebook (hand drawn) page for. Your page must have the following:

- 1) a picture of the thinker you chose
- 2) a few sentences giving an overview of their life
- 3) a few sentences on how they influenced Jefferson, find specific places in the Declaration
- 4) some kind of picture or symbol that illustrates their beliefs