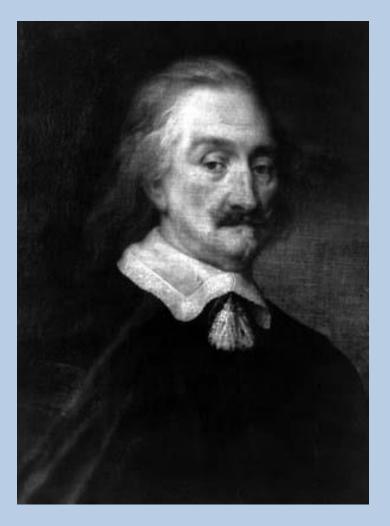
Ideas Behind the Declaration



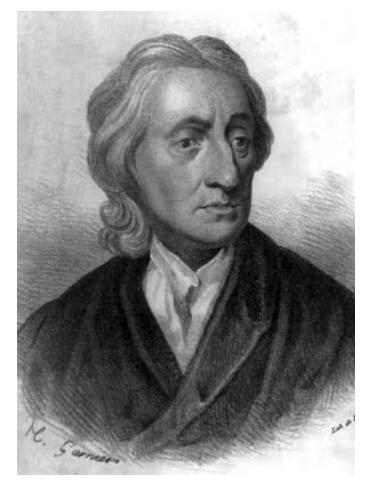
Thomas Hobbes

- 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

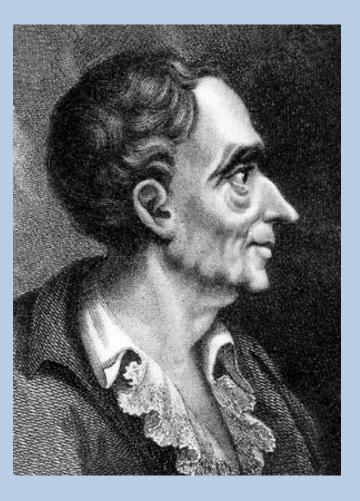
- natural rights (what are these?)
- people exist in a state where there are nor formal laws or government
- limits must be placed on government
- people have a right to revolt



Baron de Montesquieu

 Separate branches of government, w/ distinct power

• can check other branches

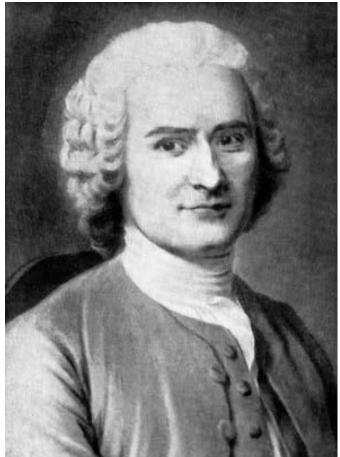


Jean-Jacques Rousseau

• 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