**Unit 4: Age of Reason and Revolutions**

**The Enlightenment** (3d)

• Applied reason to the human world, not just the natural world

• Stimulated religious tolerance

• Fueled democratic revolutions around the world

**Enlightenment thinkers and their ideas**

• Thomas Hobbes’ ***Leviathan***-Humans exist in a primitive “state of nature” and **consent** to government for self-protection.

• John Locke’s *Two Treatises on Government*—People are sovereign; and consent to government for protection of **natural** rights to life, liberty, and property.

• Montesquieu’s ***The Spirit of Laws***- The best form of **government** includes a separation of powers.

• Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s *The Social* ***Contract***- Government is a contract between rulers and the people.

• Voltaire -***Candide*** **Religious** toleration should triumph over religious fanaticism; separation of church and state.

**Influence of the Enlightenment**

• Political philosophies of the Enlightenment fueled **revolution** in the Americas and France.

• Thomas Jefferson’s **Declaration of Independence** incorporated **Enlightenment** ideas.

• The Constitution of the United States of America and **Bill of Rights** incorporated Enlightenment ideas.