

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Enlightenment Themes in Primary Sources

Definition “Primary Source”: the raw materials of history—original documents and objects that were created at the time under study (Library of Congress)

Directions:

- Select a primary source from the set of Enlightenment sources.
- In your own words, explain some of the Enlightenment concepts.
- Then read the document and identify some or all of those concepts from the source.

### Define

*In your own words, write brief definitions/explanations for the following terms from the Enlightenment Era:*

Social Contract:

Liberty:

Individualism:

Separation of Power (in government):

**Primary Source**

Title:

Author:

Date:

1. Social Contract

*Identify passages or statements in the source that reflect the concept of a social contract. How does the author discuss the relationship between individuals and society/government?*

2. Liberty

*Highlight phrases or sentences that emphasize the importance of liberty in the primary source. How is liberty defined or portrayed by the author?*

3. Individualism

*Point out sections of the source that promote individualism. How does the author view the role and autonomy of the individual in society?*

4. Separation of Power

*Identify elements in the source that discuss the separation of power. How does the author advocate for or describe the division of powers within a government?*

**Reflection**

How do the ideas and values of the Enlightenment era continue to influence or shape aspects of modern society, politics, and individual freedoms?