

## **Enlightenment Reading Activity**

*Answer these questions based upon the reading.*

1) What is a definition for reason?

religious teaching  
traditional beliefs  
miracles  
logical thought

2) Enlightenment thinkers believed reason could be used to guide people's thoughts in relation to society and \_\_\_\_\_.

government  
wartime strategies  
foreign relations  
artistic expression

3) Which is not an idea promoted by the Greeks and Romans?

logic could be used to discover new truths  
natural law governed how the world operated  
humans have direct control over mother nature

4) Enlightenment thinkers supported the Christian church's authority.

true  
false

5) Renaissance humanists believed humans were able to improve their world by studying & changing it.

true  
false

6) According to the Quick Facts, which of the following is not an idea of the Enlightenment?

reason can help solve problems  
reason can be used to fight against ignorance  
governments should encourage education & debate  
reason will help increase the superstitions people will have

7) Which of the following was not an idea promoted by the French philosopher Voltaire?

humans are capable of improving their own happiness & existence  
he believed in freedom of thought  
he supported censorship

8) The Encyclopedia was a book that focused solely on one topic.

true  
false