

Government All Stars



Who had the best ideas of how to make a better community, and a better civilization

Wrote letters to her husband (John Adams) urging Colonial Independence. Reminded John not to forget about women's rights in the new United States.



Abigail Adams:
(1744-1818)

She frequently made suggestions about the new government's formation.



Abigail Adams:
(1744-1818)

An African American who believed slavery should be abolished and African Americans should have full citizenship in the new republic.



*Benjamin Banneker:
(1731-1806)*

Wrote to Thomas Jefferson, and pointed that colonists had fought to end enslavement under British rule. Argued that maintaining slavery was simply illogical.



*Benjamin Banneker:
(1731-1806)*

One of the creators of the Iroquois League. This was an organization of Native American Tribes that brought peace, and settled disputes between warring tribes.



*Hiawatha:
(1550)*

The league had a council made up of representatives from various tribes, and made decisions based on unanimous agreement. The league also had a chief executive, and women had much power.



Hiawatha:
(1550)

English philosopher who argued that humans are "Wicked" by nature. He thought that only an absolute monarchy (king & queen with absolute control) was capable of governing mankind.



Thomas Hobbes:
(1588-1679)



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He thought that government should protect people from their own selfishness.

Ruled France as an absolute monarch. He believed in the Divine Right of Kings, and that kings received their authority from god.



Louis XIV:
(1643-1715)

Therefore they were only answerable to god (not to the people). He was the most powerful ruler of his time.



Louis XIV:
(1643-1715)

Head of the Church of England, and supported the Divine Right of Kings. He said also that the church was, (naturally) the right hand of the King.



William Laud:
(1573-1645)

So the King and the Church should work together. He severely punished those that didn't support his church.



William Laud:
(1573-1645)

English philosopher who believed that people had the ability to reason, and make good decisions when given the proper information.



John Locke:
(1632-1704)

Thought governments should happen with the support of people. Argued that governments should be established to protect the individual freedoms and liberties.



John Locke:
(1632-1704)

French political theorist who established the idea of separation of powers. This idea meant that government power should be divided



Baron de Montesquieu:
(1689-1755)

and spread out among different branches so that no individual or group could gain too much power, and threaten liberty.



Baron de Montesquieu:
(1689-1755)

English writer who argued for equal rights for women. Wrote the book A Vindication of the Rights of Women (1791). She argued that women should have equal rights in business and governments.



Mary Wollstonecraft:
(1759-1797)

She said that women's inferiority was not natural but was rather a consequence of their mis-education, a mis-education imposed on them by men.



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