

Enlightenment Notes

(For people who were absent - you still need to write Cornell questions and a reflection)

During the Scientific Revolution, people began to use the scientific method to determine the scientific truth.

This method said people should use reason & should observe nature to find scientific truth instead of relying on superstition/tradition.

When thinkers began applying this method to moral laws they developed the idea of natural law which says that moral laws can be understood by applying reason just like scientific laws.

Because so many people began questioning things and trying to prove things, and because people began learning and discovering like never before, this time period became known as the Age of Reason or the Enlightenment.

Reflection: How did the Scientific Revolution lead to the Enlightenment? How would an enlightened thinker react if someone told them that something was true because it was what they believed? Do you think it's better to want to be able to prove everything, or do you think people should rely on belief as well?