The Enlightenment Spreads



Reading of Voltaire's Orphan in China in the Salon of Madame Geoffrin. 1820. oil on canvas. Anicet Charles Gabriel Lemonnier

Why were salons important?

How was Diderot's Encyclopedia different from those you use today?

Why did Enlightenment ideas spread so readily?

How does neoclassicism reflect the ideas of order and reason?

Why did novels become popular in the 18th century?

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Why might men hesitate to give women education and equality under the law?
What does Mary Astell mean that women are "born slaves"?
What kind of equality were women seeking during the Enlightenment?
Why must all rulers balance their philosophical goals with practical concerns about support?
Why were most of the reforms applied to the middle and upper classes?
How was the belief in reason linked to the desire to end slavery and promote social equality?
How would explaining phenomena seen as mysterious by using mathematics change one's view of God?