

## The Enlightenment Comprehension Questions - KEY

Directions: After reading Section 2 “The Enlightenment” on pages 190-195 in the *Medieval Times to Today* textbook, provide an answer to each of the following questions in the right-hand column.

1. What question did Galileo answer falsely to the Catholic Church court? Why?	<i>He believed that the Earth moved around the sun because of Polish astronomer Copernicus suggested it – he would be tortured to death if he disagreed with Church</i>
2. What characteristics described the new way of thinking during the Enlightenment?	<i>Reliance on reason and experience rather than on religious teachings</i>
3. What was the Age of Reason?	<i>The 1700s when Enlightenment ideas were the leading ideas in Europe</i>
4. How were Enlightenment ideas different from those taught by the Church?	<i>They challenged the Church’s beliefs and used reason to shed new “light” on traditional beliefs</i>
5. What was the Scientific Revolution?	<i>Time when scientists began to rely on what they could observe for themselves</i>
6. What force did Isaac Newton believe kept the moon in its orbit around Earth?	<i>GRAVITY</i>
7. What “rules” did Newton say the natural world follows?	<i>He said the natural world follows “natural laws” or rules that can be measured and described mathematically</i>
8. According to Locke, what were people’s natural rights?	<i>Rights that belonged to all humans from birth, including the rights to life, liberty, and to own property</i>
9. Why did John Locke believe people formed governments?	<i>To protect their natural rights</i>
10. Who were the philosophes?	<i>A group of French thinkers and scientists who believed that the ideas of the Enlightenment could be used to reform government and society</i>
11. What did Jean Jacques Rousseau believe about people?	<i>He thought people were naturally good; Imperfect institutions such as the Church and governments corrupted, or spoiled, their natural goodness</i>
12. What did Voltaire reveal about the world at that time?	<i>Exposed many of the abuses of his day</i>
13. What was the <i>Encyclopedia</i> ?	<i>A huge collection of articles written by many of the philosophes</i>
14. What were the three goals of the <i>Encyclopedia</i> ?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>To bring together information on all of the arts and sciences</i></li> <li>2. <i>Make this information available to the public</i></li> <li>3. <i>Advance the ideas of the Enlightenment</i></li> </ol>