






The Enlightenment & American Democracy

Directions: Fill in the missing boxes with the correct information

Philosopher	Idea	Influence
		Guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, torture was outlawed by the 8 th amendment
	Separation of powers in the government to provide a system of checks and balances	
John Locke		
		American people have the right to freedom of speech and press according to the first amendment.
Jean Rousseau		



Essential Questions

1. What was the Enlightenment & what did it stem from?
2. How did Enlightenment ideas contribute to the American Revolution & the creation of American democracy?

Who said it?

Based off your understanding of the Enlightenment philosophers listed on the back of this handout, write in the name of the philosopher who would have said the quote?

<i>"I do not agree with a word you say but will defend to the death your right to say it."</i>	
<i>"Kings can be overthrown if they violate peoples' natural rights"</i>	
<i>"For we can not abuse power, must, by the arrangement of things, power checks power"</i>	
<i>Do not obey an unjust law, "man is born free and everywhere he is in chains" Chains are unjust laws.</i>	
<i>"Painful and corporal punishments (death penalty) should never be applied to fanaticism (political or religious extremism)... it glories in persecution (unfair treatment)"</i>	

Graphic Organizer

In this space create a flow chart or graphic organizer to summarize your understanding of how the Enlightenment influenced American colonists to shed British rule & create their own nation.

