

The Enlightenment Challenges the Ancien Regime

The Old Order of France was challenged by eighteenth century enlightened thinkers. Complete the chart by identifying and explaining the contributions of the *philosophes* in criticizing established custom and thought.

| Ideas | Old Order | New Order |
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| P olitical | Divine Right Monarchy (Louis XIV & XV) | Montesquieu: Voltaire: Rousseau: |
| E conomic | National mercantile laws, Five Great Farms (Colbert), guild towns, provincial laws, internal tariffs | Quesney: Dupont: Turgot: |
| R eligious | Established Catholic Church (Revocation of Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV) | Voltaire: |
| S ocial | Three Estates Privilege of first two estates | Diderot: Voltaire: |
| I deological (Philosophical) | Based on traditions and customs founded in Medieval times: the Three Estates, the guild system and feudalism | Diderot: |
| A rtistic (literary expression) | Censorship Gov't review before publishing and penalize after. All published work needed royal approval | Voltaire: |

Answer the following questions based on the completed chart.

1. Why did the Old Order come under attack?
2. Why were there diverse views for the construction of the New Order?
3. What themes or features did the *philosophes* hold in common for the proposed New Order?
4. In what ways did the Scientific Revolution influence the Enlightenment?