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The Age of Reason and Revolution

1750-1914

Scientific Revolution

Scientists Re-Shape the way humans understand the world around them

- Scientific Method
- Decrease in Church Power
- Greater Understanding of the physical world

The Enlightenment

Great Thinkers challenge the
"Status Quo"

- People questioned government (ABSOLUTISM)
- Reason used to improve society
- Natural Rights and Liberties
- Political revolution is encouraged

American Revolutions

Enlightenment Ideas Spread to the Americas and Inspire Revolution

Latin America

Colonies of Spain and Portugal seek
INDEPENDENCE and SELF RULE

North America (US)

Colonies seek independence from Great
Britain

The French Revolution

Inspired by American Success

- France = Most Powerful Nation
- 3 Estates
- Government Fails to Meet the Needs of their people

Widespread Revolt --> Overthrow of Absolute Monarchy (Louis XVI)

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