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# Intellectual Discussions in the Era of Enlightenment Ideas



During the \_\_\_\_\_, a period that transformed society, literature became a powerful tool for debate. Writers like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were at the forefront, challenging traditional ideas. In their writings, they often focused on \_\_\_\_\_, emphasizing its role in human affairs. This era witnessed the birth of the \_\_\_\_\_, a new literary form that allowed for deeper character development and complex storylines.

Salons, often hosted by influential \_\_\_\_\_, became hubs for intellectual discussions. Here, ideas about politics, \_\_\_\_\_, and science were freely exchanged. The \_\_\_\_\_ played a crucial role in spreading these ideas, making books more accessible to the public.

One of the key themes was \_\_\_\_\_ of thought and expression, a radical idea at the time. Writers used \_\_\_\_\_ to criticize societal norms and government policies. The Enlightenment thinkers believed in the power of \_\_\_\_\_ to reform society. They argued that knowledge should be based on \_\_\_\_\_ and logical reasoning, challenging superstition and dogma.

The impact of these ideas was far-reaching, influencing the \_\_\_\_\_ and French Revolutions. The emphasis on reason and individual rights laid the groundwork for modern \_\_\_\_\_. This period marked a significant shift in how people viewed the world and their place in it, heralding the beginning of a more \_\_\_\_\_ and secular society.

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education

printing press

rational

Voltaire

women

reason

satire

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philosophy

Rousseau

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