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### **Film Response: The Enlightenment**

The Enlightenment was a period in Europe where people started to have a more secular and philosophical approach to human ideas, behavior, and natural sciences. During the enlightenment people started to seek knowledge to explain natural phenomena and was the beginning of social human equality among the hierarchical system. Authors such as voltaire were very critical throughout all his speeches or writing about government corruption or social differences to the point of making fun of the aristocracy or social customs or traditions. One of the biggest accomplishments during the Enlightenment period was the scientific advancement in astronomy, physics, mathematics, and biology. During this time people have an explanation to natural phenomena based on facts and observation and not by superstitions or religion.

The effects of the enlightenment period are felt even in our modern times. In a very divided society where race, class, and gender are part of the social divide there are people, authors, and artists that are very critical of our times, government, and social customs by creating satire stories such as Children of men, Don't Look Up all these are film that encompass the ironies of our current modern times and how science have been beneficial and a weapon to our existence.