

World Civilization II (OA)

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Enlightenment Film Response

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The three takeaways I got from watching the film are:

1. The Enlightenment also called the Age of Light was not only about theories of mathematics and natural disasters it was also about transformation and information. It was about change, going outside the norm gaining new values of life, and challenging traditions. How people of different social groups should relate to one another, how trade and manufacturing could be different, and the relationship that people should have with their government.
2. When the Europeans traveled the world and observed different social classes, they realized they did not function as they did. The Asians for example were able to function in harmony with one another, they were less argumentative and more courteous to one another. Other social classes were less Hierarchal, and some gave more attention to skills and talent rather than parentage.
3. Due to the enlightenment, the inhumane treatment of slaves was exposed which brought about movements that advocate for freedom, equal rights for all humans regardless of status or skin color, and the fight to abolish slavery.

I believe they illustrate the changing tenets of time by showing how when one is Enlightened, one can be exposed to change for the better of people and society. The world could be a place where good triumphs over evil, all races and genders are treated equal, and social justice would prevail.