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The first key takeaway from the video about the Enlightenment was that the main concept of the movement was to expose old ideas to rational judgment to determine if they were still relevant. For, tradition was to be tested with enlightened ideas and reason. The second key takeaway that I got from the video was that the Enlightenment was influenced greatly by other countries because at this time tens of thousands of Englishmen had traveled the world, experiencing many other social orders and lifestyles. For instance, they learned that not all countries were as hierarchical as England was, which ended up being a major change in this era. The third key takeaway I got from the video was that the Enlightenment brought ideas of honesty, inquisitiveness, openness, and individuality. It was a time of reason and knowledge. I think all of these concepts had a big influence on daily life and past beliefs and understandings. England's social order changed completely, practical skills developed and improved, tradition and old ideas were thrown out, and lifestyles were changed drastically. The Enlightenment shifted the way people thought about the world, society, and government. With people traveling and exploring the world, ideas from every corner of earth were able to come together and improve systems and ways of thinking. Furthermore, the shift away from traditional authority, led to the development of the scientific method and experimentation. Individualism led to the separation of church and state. This is because enlightenment thinkers challenged the authority of the church and argued for the freedom of religious belief and practice. There were many aspects

of this era that changed the world greatly, these were just the three main takeaways that I got from the video.