

Salon Assignment

Description

Your job is to serve as the host/hostess of an Enlightenment-style Salon. You can present it in almost any way you wish – movie, performance, song, interpretive dance, news report, story, poem, pamphlet, on-line event, rally, TV show... However you choose to present it to the class, you must have all the necessary elements.

Necessary Elements

- You must include all of the Enlightenment philosophes and others listed below. If you would like to add others, that's fine, but the primary conversation should be between these individuals.
- Your salon should reveal the major ideological contributions of each of the individuals. For example, Mozart saying, "I like music," or, "I wrote Eine kleine Nachmusik," is insufficient. He should talk about how he changed either the composition or the performance of music.
- You must include how the characters would react to the major issues of the day; things like the role of religion, the nature of government, the proper approach towards economics, etc. Doing so requires some basic research – your book will be the simplest source for this information.
- You must be entertaining. The class has to listen to ten different presentations on the topic. If you bore them, they might not ask you to the next dance.
- You must be prepared completely and on-time. Any lateness will result in at least a 50% grade reduction.

List of Characters

Bernard de Fontenelle

James Cook

Pierre Bayle

Franz Joseph Haydn

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

John Locke

Baron d'Holbach

Edward Gibbon

Voltaire

John Wesley

Cesare Beccaria

Denis Diderot

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Montesquieu

Adam Smith

David Hume

Mary Wollstonecraft