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Benjamin Franklin



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Differences between England and the Colonies

- Slavery
- New ideas about liberty
- Relations with Native Americans

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Slavery

- Demographics
- Liberty and slavery

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New Ideas about Liberty

- Boisterous egalitarianism
- Enlightenment
- Great Awakening

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Enlightenment

- Natural world ordered by identifiable laws
- Power of human reason
- Individuals have the natural right to self-government
- Humans capable of improving society

John Locke, *Two Treatises on Government*

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Great Awakening (1730s-1740s)

- Undermined existing authority
- Expanded the public sphere
- Encouraged individuals to speak out
- Gave people experience in forming new institutions

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“American” ideas of liberty

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Relations with Native Americans

- French and Indian war (1754-1763)