

17.2 The Enlightenment – Reading Check Questions (pp. 518-525)

1. What was Newton's main contribution to Enlightenment thought?
2. What were the major contributions of Montesquieu, Voltaire, and Diderot to the Enlightenment?
3. What is the concept of laissez-faire?
4. What were Rousseau's basic theories as presented in The Social Contract and Emile?
5. How did Mary Wollstonecraft use the Enlightenment ideal of reason to advocate rights for women?
6. What was the importance of the salons?
7. What are some of the central ideas of Methodism?