

Enlightenment Ideas

Word/Term	Definition	How Will I Remember This?
Due Process of Law	the right of people accused of crimes to have laws that treat them fairly, so that they cannot lose their life or freedom without having their legal rights protected	
Equality of All Persons	every individual is born equal and has equal opportunity to succeed	
Limited Government	a government that has been limited in power by a constitution, or written agreement	
National Sovereignty	the idea that a nation has the power to govern itself	
Natural Law	laws passed by government to protect natural rights	
Popular Sovereignty	the principle that the authority of a government comes from the consent of the governed	
Self-Evident Truth	obvious, having no need of proof	
Social Contract	an implied agreement among the people of an organized society that defines the rights, duties, and limitations of the governed and the government	
Unalienable Rights	the belief that individuals are born with basic rights that cannot be taken away by governments; life, liberty, and property	