

## SS.7.C.1.1

**Recognize how Enlightenment ideas including Montesquieu's view of separation of power and John Locke's theories related to natural law and how Locke's social contract influenced the Founding Fathers.**

### **Hobbes**

Social Contract (agreement between government and the people)

*a.k.a. "consent of the governed"*

People agree to less than 100% freedom

in exchange, the government protects individual rights

### **Locke** (what a cool guy!)

Natural Rights - Life, Liberty, & Property

rights are God-given, not given by the king

the only purpose of government is to protect rights

If government doesn't protect rights, the people can change  
the government

Locke is the main influence on Thomas Jefferson writing the Declaration of  
Independence

### **Montesquieu**

break government into three separate branches

this helps prevent anybody from gaining too much power

*(don't feed the tyrannosaurus)*

### **Voltaire**

Freedom of speech

I disagree with what you say, but I will fight for your right to say it  
separation of church & state (*state=government*)