

# ***ENLIGHTENMENT IN AMERICA***

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give people more  
freedom;

to have all religions  
treated equal.

centralize  
government;

The main  
ideas of the  
enlightenment  
were:

bring greater  
happiness and  
progress to humanity;

to abolish serfdom;

the desire to battle  
against ignorance,  
dogma, superstition;



*Joseph  
Addison*

- A contented mind is the greatest blessing a man can enjoy in this world.
- Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.

"Paradise lost", "Cato"

The  
outstanding  
writers



*Sir Richard  
Steele*

-Reading is to the mind  
what exercising is to the  
body.

-Nothing can atone for the  
lack of modesty; without  
which beauty is ungraceful  
and wit detestable.

"Funerals", "True Lovers".



*Thomas Paine*

-The real man smiles in trouble, gathers strength from distress, and grows brave by reflection.

-The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

«Good sense»

The  
outstanding  
writers



*Benjamin Franklin*

-Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.

-An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

"Poor Richard's Almanac"

### *B. Franklin*

In his philosophical views Franklin belonged to deism. Orthodox church dogma opposed the idea of "natural religion", in which the role of God was to act of creation

### *R. Steele*

One of the pioneers of educational literature in England. and created a number of images combined into a kind of club.

## The chief aim

### *T. Paine*

Attracted bold and original ideas, and publication against the slave trade, helped support the revolution and inspired the soldiers of the Continental Army.

### *J. Addison*

Individual liberty versus government tyranny, logic versus emotion.

*B. Franklin*

Define the vector of historical movement.

Their contributions in development of the Enlightenment

*T. Paine*

Contributed to the strengthening of statehood and the formation of the American nation.

*R. Steele*

Reconcile young people in the new republic.

*J. Addison*

He played a critical role in molding the public sphere in England . Major development of the Enlightenment, the public sphere enabled private people from different walks of life to come together and of general concern.