

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.