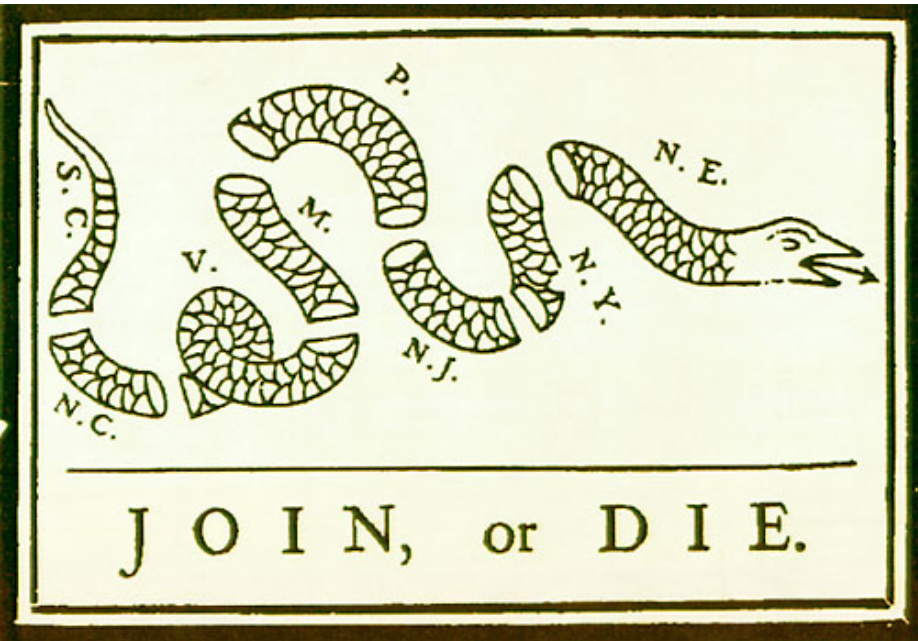


Propaganda Poster Due on Monday

Aim: Did the Enlightenment inspire the Declaration of Independence?

Do Now: How did Thomas Paine's "*Common Sense*" inspire undecided colonists to join the Patriot cause? Explain.

The American Colonies "Grow Up"



The colonies in 1763

The colonies in 1775



The Declaration of Independence

- The most famous “Break-up Letter” in history!
- Written by: Thomas Jefferson
- Intro: Gives the outline for democratic gov’t (including political ideas)
- Lists the **grievances** against the King
- Concludes with declaring that the colonies are now the **United States of America**

Influences of the Enlightenment

- Looking at the “New Theory of Government” in the *Declaration of Independence* (worksheet)

Work with your partner to identify ideas that Jefferson includes that are related to ideas of the **Enlightenment** (worksheet from 9/24)

- Make direct connections by identifying the Enlightened thinker AND the idea(s) that are shared.

Reading The Declaration of Independence

- Introduction = **democratic** ideas
- **Grievances** = Reasons for declaring Independence
- Look at the grievances listed and for each one **make a connection** to the ***British Colonial Policies*** (Acts) we discussed before (on 9/29).

Final Summary

Answer the Aim Question in one paragraph.

Use details from today's lesson to explain your answer. Be sure to have a **topic/thesis statement** that answers the question and then SUPPORT your statement.

Be sure to include a **concluding statement** to close out your thoughts.