World History

Enlightenment

**Enlightenment Propaganda - Due – 12:15 p.m.**

**Goal:** I can synthesize the ideas of the enlightened thinkers by creating a propaganda ad with a message that relates to a controversial topic in today’s society.



What is propaganda? Propaganda is the presentation of information from a particular perspective, which tries to influence people to think a certain way. At the right is an example:

To sum up the enlightenment, your PAIRwill complete the following (worth 20 points):

1. (10 points): Create a **news brief** that expresses a particular point of view about **ONE** contemporary issue, such as:

* Occupy Wall Street (Occupy Chicago)
* Rising taxes for lower and middle class families
* High rate of unemployment for teenagers
* Problems with underage drinking
* Gun Control
* Censorship in Media
* Laws against piracy (ex: SOPA)
* Political corruption (spending government money for the wrong reasons, the president has too much power, Congress cannot pass any laws)
* Capital punishment (abolish the death penalty?)
* Global warming (harm or help the environment?)
* Driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
* Equality under the law (same-sex marriage)
* Monitoring your cell-phone (wiretapping)
* **Other ideas? – Ask me first**

Construct the news brief (at least two paragraphs long) where you identify **the** specific problem and you propose a specific solution. When writing your brief, YOU MUST report from the **perspective** of ONE of the following philosophes below:

* Hobbes
* Locke
* Montesquieu
* Rousseau
* Voltaire

2. (10 points): Create a **visual** *similar to the style seen on this page* that best represents the issue your group is writing about and the point of view based the enlightened thinker you choose to use. Refer to your class/reading notes, the art interpretation, the philosopher chart, the primary sources from the American Revolution and any other handouts to help you.