8<sup>th</sup> Grade American Studies Unit 3 – Causes of the American Revolution Topic: The Great Awakening & The Enlightenment

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The Great Awakening	Criteria	The Enlightenment		
A religious movement that became widespread in the American colonies in the 1730's & 1740's	Definition	Social & political movement that began during the 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> centuries in which science, reason, & logic became the foundations for gaining knowledge		
People began to rebel against church leaders / question the "old" way to doing things	Characteristics	Logic & reason were applied to all aspects of society  People began thinking about how governments were set up and run		
New [Protestant] churches were formed				
If people could have spiritual freedom, then why not political freedom?		Natural Rights -basic rights that ALL people have (life, liberty, property, pursuit of happiness)		
		Social Contract – relationship between people and their government		
American Colonies – Mostly New England	Where did it take place?	Europe		

The Great Awakening	The Enlightenment		
Religious movement	Political & social movement		
Took place in North America	Took place in Europe		
People gained more RELIGIOUS freedom	People gained more POLITICAL freedom		
Religious Revivals	Introduced ideas of Natural Rights & Social		
Led to creation of new Protestant churches	Contract		

## **Similarities**

Changed the way people thought about "old" ideas

Rebelled against authority

Both took place in the 1700's

Both called for more freedoms