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The Enlightenment was a philosophical, political, and literary movement of the 18th century in Europe and America. It was characterised by the belief that human reason could lead to the progress of humanity. Enlightened thinkers were the fathers of the first constitutions and democracies. One of the most prominent figures of the Enlightenment was Voltaire, a French writer and philosopher.

Voltaire defended two principles: freedom of thought and respect for all men. As an author, he was committed to the problems of his time, such as social and political inequality and poverty. He also participated in the writing of the first Encyclopaedia.



SELIVEWORKSHEETS

R	ead the text. Tick the correct answer.
a.	What was the name of the movement Voltaire belonged to?
	The Enlightenment.
	The Illustration.
b.	Where did the movement take place?
	☐ In Europe and Africa.
	☐ In Europe and America.
c.	Besides being a philosopher, what other activities did Voltaire engage in?
	He was writer.
	He was a musician.
d.	In what century did The Enlightenment flourish?
	In the 18 th century.
	In the 17th century.
ė.	What was one of the values that Voltaire defended?
	Freedom of thought.
	Freedom to do everything, without respecting anybody.
f.	Why is Voltaire considered a committed person?
	Because he was interested in the problems of his time, such as inequality and poverty.
	Because he was committed to the defence of spimals



