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Discussion #1: The Declaration of Independence

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The enlightenment was a philosophical movement that took place in the 17th century when the American colonies wanted to be free from England. Due to the taxation and the political abuse England was exerting among them. The alignment was characterized by its ideas of reasoning, freedom of press, religion tolerance, individualism, and equality. Some philosophers as John Locke believed in reasoning to avoid tyranny. Also, Locke believed that the government needs to protect the natural rights of people which were life, liberty, and property something that England was not doing. By that century Europe was changing, people were more sort of thinking and questioning the why of many things and America was thirsty for freedom. The colonies were doing great and they believed they did not need to be ruled by the king of England something that marked the beginning of the revolution.

After the colonies won the war against Great Britain, Thomas Jefferson inspired by the enlightenment ideas wrote the declaration of independence which stated that America was now independent and free from Great Britain and has become their own nation. In this declaration Jefferson wrote about American's natural rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Most of the time I would say that ignorance does not let people see the real truth. When a person is used to a political system where they have the basis food, shelter, and a job these people would not miss something they have not had. In the case of the colonies people when the movement of enlightenment was all over Europe, they started to think that they wanted whatever they did not have. This movement triggered the needs to have an autonomous political system, freedom, respect, equality, and religion tolerance. So, this was the beginning of a political system which look for people's right and respect the people as whatever they are "humans".