

***“Discourse on the Origin and Foundation of the Inequalities among Men” by Jean-Jacques Rousseau***

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**Activity:** (The text is found in Archie.)

**1. Research the Enlightenment (you can use the Stanford Encyclopedia)**

- a. Time period
- b. Characteristics
  - i. Main ideas

**2. Research Romanticism (you can use the Stanford Encyclopedia)**

- a. Time period
- b. Characteristics
  - i. Main ideas
- c. Explain why it is a movement that was born as an objection to the Enlightenment

**3. Vocabulary**

- a. As you read ***“Discourse on the Origin and Foundation of the Inequalities among Men”***, write down the words that you do not know—it does not matter how many—and look up their definition—write it down next to the word.

**4. Questions**

- a. Read the underlined paragraphs and ask one question that can be answered by that passage.

**5. Describe**

- a. As you read the text (you can tweak the answers after you finish reading the text) describe, in short paragraphs, the following concepts:
  - i. **State of Nature**
  - ii. **The nature of Human Beings**
  - iii. **The effects society has on human beings** (what happens to human beings after they live the state of nature)

**6. Make Connections**

- a. After reading the whole text and completing the assignment write a few paragraphs (at least two) that support the following claim
  - i. **Support the claim that Rousseau is a Romantic thinker** (a thinker belonging to the movement known as Romanticism)