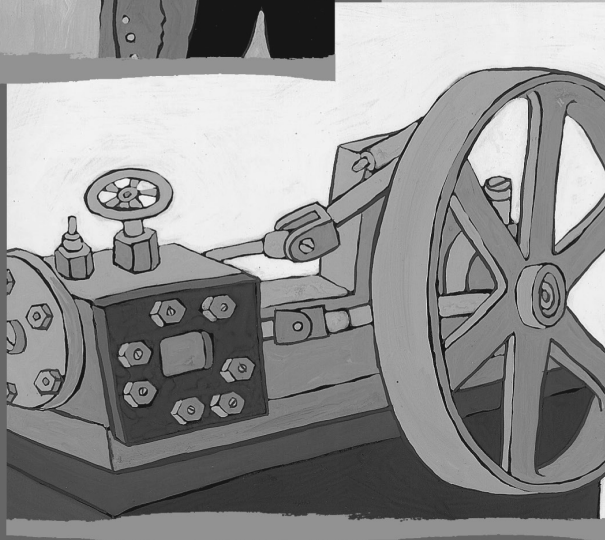
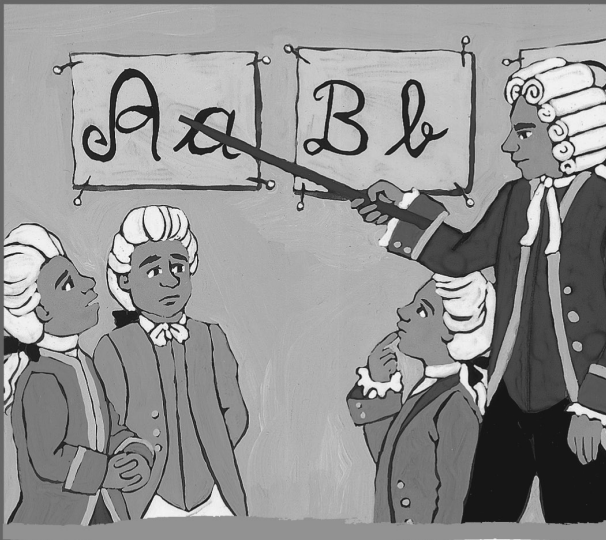


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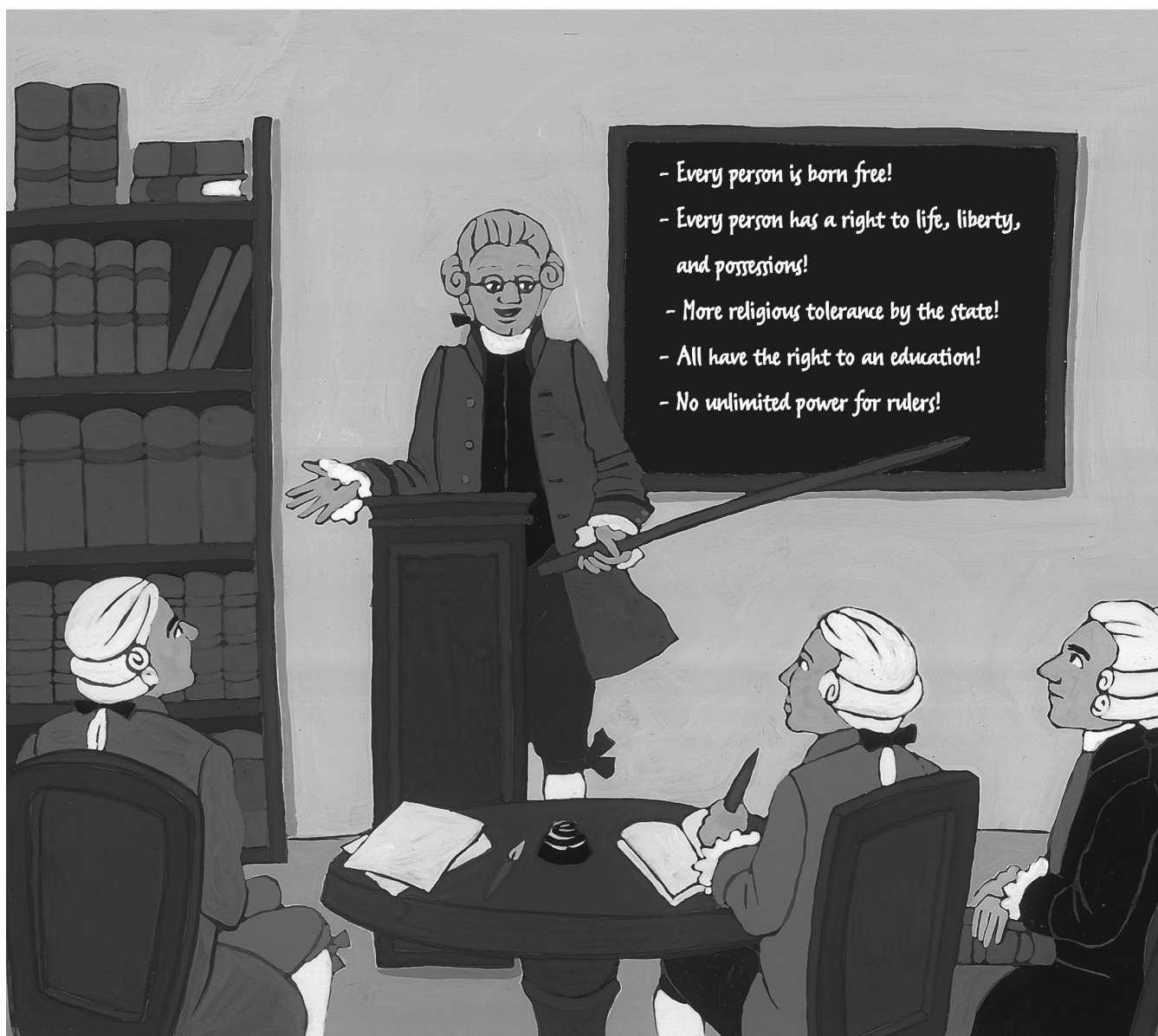


EXERCISE 1



This could be the auditorium of an 18th century university.

Read the sentences on the board and discuss how these demands eventually changed the lives of the people!



Theme picture: Classroom scene (c. eighteenth century); children working in a mine; steam engine

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EXERCISE 2



Read the following with the parts given out:

Reason!

That is the basic ability of human beings to understand the correlation between things. Only reason enables people to discern between what is true and what is false. Reason teaches us that all men are equal.

Those are sensational statements, Professor. What makes people capable of achieving this?

That would mean that theology no longer is the highest authority on truth and knowledge. What significance does religion still have then?

You will find the answer on this sheet, which contains some subversive statements about religion. I will hand it out to you.

Christianity in crisis:

- Religion is innate to man!
- Divine revelations do not exist!
- God created mankind, but no longer has any influence on man.
- People are only capable of discerning between truth and falsehood by means of reason.

The gospel is valid:

- Faith comes from the sermon, the word of God.
- God reveals Himself in all time periods. The Holy Spirit brings about faith and understanding.
- God guides the fate of mankind in view of the plan of salvation.
- If one regards reason and sense as the only means of acquiring knowledge and understanding, one idolizes them and breaks the First Commandment.

Answers based on our faith

EXERCISE 2



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Compare the statements on the sheet which the professor hands out with the "Answers based on our faith".
Write down the passage from Proverbs 3: 5-6:
