

Colonists Consider New Ideas

Guided Reading Questions

Directions: Read through the information on pages 82 – 84. Answer the questions below in complete sentences. Each question must be answered with a minimum of 2 sentences.

- 1) What new types of scientific and philosophical ideas were introduced during the Renaissance?
- 2) How did Renaissance philosophers discover the laws of nature and the principles that govern human behavior?
- 3) Who was Benjamin Franklin and why was he considered a “Enlightened” colonial philosopher?
- 4) Why were the Enlightenment ideals and values easily spread throughout New England?
- 5) How did Enlightenment ideals affect the development of political values in the American colonies?
- 6) How did the new Massachusetts charter of 1691 affect the power and status of the Puritan church?
- 7) What was the “Great Awakening”?
- 8) How did the Great Awakening affect the society and culture of the American colonies?
- 9) What effect did the Great Awakening have on education in the colonies?
- 10) How did the Great Awakening and the Enlightenment affect the political thought and structure of the American colonies?