Quick Write Debriefing of Press Conference

Prompt: To what extent were the philosophes' ideas similar/different from previous ideas about government, beliefs, and society?

You will use the information gathered over the last few days to finish the attached response to the above prompt. Refer to all class notes, the example of a well-written paragraph, and the rubric as you write.

Tasks:

1) Evaluate similarities & differences. A ten indicates a complete departure from previous views while a one indicates nearly no change.

2) Choose at least three of the philosophes in the chart to include in your paragraph.

3) Include at least one idea for each of your three philosophes as an example of a similarity or difference from previous times.

4) Write a closing sentence to finish the paragraph.

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|  | **Political:** gov., laws, power, rights, courts | **Social:** gender roles, slavery, classes | **Beliefs:** role of church, how is unknown explained? |
| Rousseau |  |  |  |
| Locke |  |  |  |
| Montesquieu |  |  |  |
| Wolstoncraft |  |  |  |
| Hobbes |  |  |  |

Just as Louis Pasteur’s discovery of germs challenged old ideas about evil spirits causing illness, the philosophes’ new ideas about government, how society should be organized, and beliefs challenged notions from the Middle Ages. Some philosophes called for dramatic shifts, but they did not all call for the same level of change.

The philosophes examined existing ideas about government, society, and beliefs. Voltaire spoke out loudly for a separation of church and state that was completely different from the Divine Right idea supported by King Louis XIV and Queen Elizabeth I. Voltaire wanted there to be religious freedom unlike King Louis XIV who wanted everyone in France to be Catholic. Rousseau and Wolstoncraft both wanted . . .