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Unit II, Section II: Spread of the Enlightenment Notes Outline

While the views of the philosophes were not always welcomed by the European monarchs, Enlightenment ideas spread throughout Europe. In the 1700s, Paris was the cultural and intellectual capital of Europe – the brightest minds of the age gathered there. From their circles radiated the ideas of the Enlightenment.

**World of Ideas**

SALONS:

ENCYCLOPEDIA:

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**Art & Literature**

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From the salons, artists’ studios, and concert halls of Europe, the Enlightenment spirit also swept through Europe’s royal courts. Many philosophes, including Voltaire, believed that the best form of government was a monarchy in which the ruler respected the people’s rights. The philosophes tried to convince monarchs to rule justly. Some monarchs embraced the new ideas and made reforms that reflected Enlightenment spirit. They became known as the **enlightened despots.**