



Topic	Old Order	New Order
Economics	National mercantile laws, Five Great Farms, guild towns, provincial laws, internal tariffs	<p>Quesnay</p> <p>Du Pont</p> <p>Turgot</p>
Society	Three Estates	<p>Diderot</p> <p>Voltaire</p>
Religion	Established church	<p>Voltaire</p>

## Food for Thought

**Directions:** Read the selection below, and complete the activity as directed.

Enlightened thinkers and polished aristocrats often frequented the salon of Madame Geoffrin. One evening her butler, Simon Decloux, listened carefully to the free-flowing conversation while circulating among the guests and offering hors d'oeuvres. Later that night, he related the conversations to a group of fellow servants. At first he was shocked by what he heard because it challenged the very world he had been born to serve. But now he began to question that world himself.

In your own words, recreate the butler's musings, showing how his thought was gradually transformed and how he put enlightened ideas into the language of the common man. Begin by indicating the accepted pattern of life. Then mention the strange things he may have overheard in an "enlightened" conversation about politics, religion, society, and economics. Continue by describing the immediate reaction of a conservative and traditional member of French society. Conclude by presenting some new ideas that a butler might have had after listening to that evening's discussion.