CHAPTER 17

THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY:
AN AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

CHAPTER OUTLINE

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      3. The Impact of Travel Literature
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      2. Voltaire and the Enlightenment
      3. Diderot and the Encyclopedia
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   A. Innovations in Art, Music, and Literature
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      1. Education and Universities
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      1. Carnival
      2. Taverns and Alcohol
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      1. Church-State Relations
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      1. Catholic Piety
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      3. Wesley and Methodism

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