Voltaire Research Paper Bibliography

Cronk, N. E. "Voltaire and Enlightenment." *Voltaire Foundation: Voltaire Biography*. University of Oxford, n.d. Web. 08 Nov. 2015.

Cronk focuses on Voltaire’s involvement during the Enlightenment in this piece. Since he considers Voltaire to be a small time contributor to the Enlightenment, in this article, he discusses his rhetorical contributions instead. He examines Voltaire’s philosophical and humorous approach to writing. Overall the article provides a great break down of what Cronk considers Voltaire’s minimal involvement in the Enlightenment, which would shape European minds for years to come.

Shank, J.B. "Voltaire." *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Stanford University, 30 July 2015. Web. 08 Nov. 2015.

In this article, Shank goes through Voltaire’s life, discussing his ideas and how they evolved through out it. He points out that Voltaire only delved into philosophy in the second half of his life, after spending his early years as a poet. Shank’s analysis of Voltaire’s ideas provides important background about his ideological effects on Europe, such as his influence on secularism.