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 Enlightenment philosophy, in this article, he discusses his rhetorical contributions instead, which were much greater. He examines Voltaire’s philosophical and humorous approach to writing, mentioning the wide variety of forms he used, including satire and epic poetry. Overall the article provides a detailed break down of Cronk’s analysis of how Voltaire’s writing influenced French intellectual and literary traditions.

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.