Voltaire Research Paper Bibliography

Cronk, Nicholas. "Voltaire." *Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment*. Ed. Alan Charles Kors. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002. *Oxford Reference*. 2005. Web. 22 Nov. 2015.

Cronk’s entry into the *Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment* is very expansive and offers a lot of information. The most useful part was his breakdown of the literary styles utilized by Voltaire throughout his career. This analysis provided much more in-depth discussion on this topic than other articles and shed light on how Voltaire managed to become so successful in conveying his message to a broad audience.

---. "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 throughout 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.

"Voltaire." *Famous Philosophers*. Famous Philosophers, n.d. Web. 09 Nov. 2015.

The famous philosophers article on provided a useful starting point for research. Its overview of the topic was general enough that it allowed me to decide what directions I wanted to go when researching Voltaire.

Wright, Johnson Kent. "Introduction: Candide, Voltaire, and the Enlightenment." *Candide* (2006): xiii-xxv. *Yale Press*. Yale University. Web. 22 Nov. 2015.

In his introduction to *Candide,* Wright goes in-depth into Voltaire’s involvement in the Enlightenment and life. He touches on one of Voltaire’s most prominent acts of civil disobedience when he stood up for Jean Calas after his death. Wright also discusses the impact that *Candide* had on the Enlightenment.