



**Narrator:** The American Revolution had tremendous implications for the arts. However, these implications did not manifest themselves in America. America was not on the cutting forefront of artistic endeavors in the western tradition at this point. Political upheaval in the Americas and their inspiring victory over the British set stage for politics of the Enlightenment in Europe. It is not my intention to go into all the details of the American Revolution because it is assumed that you have had this information in other courses.

It is worth noting that the Declaration of Independence is a document that is most certainly a defining document of Enlightenment ideals. These ideals were taken even further in the Bill of Rights, which separated politics from religion.

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