



Speaker 1: I hope you remember humanism from the Renaissance, yes? It's an important concept because it's coming back at you. Humanism was revisited during the 18th century and was refashioned as rational humanism.

Rational humanism touted learning as a means to man's progress. That meant that humans must be free to learn and to think freely. Of course, they really didn't mean all of mankind. It was beyond the capacity of most 18th century minds to envision that this grand philosophy would apply to women, slaves or in fact, anybody that was not a European male.

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