

*Introduction: The Founders and the Enlightenment.*

1. Idea of a gentleman and how to be a gentleman. What was a gentleman?
2. What is the importance of Disinterestedness?
3. Who was expected to supply the necessary leadership in government and how did the founding fathers feel about this expectation?
4. What were the requirements for being a “disinterested gentleman?”
5. What was the general view of private versus public life?
6. What ultimately separates the generation of the founders from later American leaders, and “sharply apart from older worlds of their fathers and grandfathers?”
7. What did it mean to be a “natural aristocrat?”
8. What was the basis of the aristocracy of the founding fathers?
9. How did the founders succeed in “preventing any duplication of their generation” and why can we “never again replicate the extraordinary generation of our founders?”
10. What was the overall attitude toward slavery and predictions of the institution in the future?

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