Take Home Essay Exam

Please answer the following question in a well-organized, thoughtful and original essay.

How did the ideas of the Enlightenment influence the American Revolution and the formation of the American Government?

Please include references to specific philosophers, documents and information and REMEMBER THIS WILL COUNT AS AN EXAM GRADE.

Your essay must:
- Be typed
- 12 pt font
- double-spaced
- no more than 1” margins
- a title
- Your name
- The date the assignment is due

PLEASE SEE THE RUBRIC ON THE BACK FOR MY GRADING CRITERIA!
## ENLIGHTENMENT AND THE FOUNDING OF AMERICA

**Criteria**

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<th>Thesis Statement</th>
<th>Content Knowledge</th>
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<td>Thesis statement is clearly stated, detailed and supported throughout the entire essay.</td>
<td>Clearly communicated answer to the question and demonstrates exemplary knowledge of the content.</td>
<td>Student demonstrates full knowledge (more than required) with explanations and elaboration.</td>
<td>All conclusions drawn are supported with specific detail, explained and properly identified.</td>
<td>Work is clearly organized and easy for the reader to follow.</td>
<td>The final body of work was free of grammar, spelling, and formatting errors.</td>
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<td>Thesis statement is clearly stated, detailed and supported throughout most of the essay.</td>
<td>Consistently communicated answer to the question and demonstrates satisfactory knowledge of the content.</td>
<td>Student is at ease with content, but fails to elaborate.</td>
<td>Most conclusions drawn are supported with specific detail, explained and properly identified.</td>
<td>Work demonstrates some organization and is readable.</td>
<td>The final body of work had 1 error related to either grammar, spelling, and formatting errors.</td>
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<td>Attempt is made to include a thesis statement without sufficient support throughout the essay.</td>
<td>Communicates a basic answer to the question and demonstrates minimal knowledge of the content.</td>
<td>Student is uncomfortable with information and is able to completely answer the question.</td>
<td>Some conclusions drawn are supported with detail and minimally explained.</td>
<td>Disorganized approach to the question with major obstacles to the reader's comprehension.</td>
<td>The final body of work had 3-5 grammar, spelling, and formatting errors.</td>
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<td>No thesis statement is present.</td>
<td>Ineffectively communicates answer to the question and demonstrates limited knowledge of the content.</td>
<td>Student does not have grasp of information; student cannot answer question.</td>
<td>One or few conclusions drawn are supported with detail, and little or no explanation is given.</td>
<td>Lack organization of thought and reader cannot comprehend.</td>
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**Total:**

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