

John Locke “An Essay Concerning Human Understanding”

- **Tabula Rasa** (empty tablet)
 - When we are born, we don't have any ideas, our minds are empty.
- **Empiricism**
 - The philosophy that says our knowledge comes from experience.
 - My knowledge has to be based on what I see and what I feel what I eat, and not based by what others tells you.
- **True Pleasure:**
 - “If my knowledge is based on from my own experience, its means I find out things for myself (very individualistic), it becomes more exciting”.
 - “*every step the mind takes in its progress toward knowledge makes some discovery, which is not only new, but the best*”.
 - If we work through our knowledge instead of someone handing it to us, we won't miss the “*Hunter satisfaction*”, and we have a reason to say that the time was well-spent.
- **Idea of Sensation**
 - Our senses come to the world in order to help us with our thinking when we touch, see and even smell things, we get new ideas this way.
 - Ideas that comes through our senses.
 - “sense experience”
- **Reflection:**
 - Translate all what we absorbed by our senses and reflect it into the world.

Samuel Johnson

- **Types of idleness:**

- Explicit (proud).
 - They are proud that they are idle and that they don't do anything.
 - They spend their time sleeping and doing nothing.
 - This type “*exists in a state of unruffled stupidity, forgetting and forgotten*”.
- Preparation
 - They are always on the state of preparing and planning.
 - People can't rely on this type because they are busy planning, but they never do the work.
- Petty business
 - They fill their day doing petty business.
 - They always have something in hand.
 - They “*keep their mind in a state of action, but not of labour*”.
- Mr. Sober
 - He has strong desire and quick imagination.
 - He is useful to other but useless to himself.
 - He is always glad to talk and listen and always have a free time.
 - When the world disconnects from him, he tries to make himself feel better by doing some manual arts.

- **Symbolism of Mr. Sober**

- Irony of not being addicted by being idle.

John Locke “Of Slavery”

- **Definition of freedom:**
 - (Natural liberty) to be free from any superior power on earth, and not to be under the will or legislative authority of man.
 - To be under no other restraint but the law of nature.
- **What is not freedom?**
 - A liberty for everyone to do what he lists, to live as he pleases, and not to be tied by any laws.
 - People who do whatever they please from right to wrong under the excuse of owning the right to freedom.
- **Definition of slavery**
 - The only reason for someone to be a slave and to work for someone his whole life is if he deserves it. *“by his fault, forfeited his own life by some act that deserves death; he to whom he has forfeited it may delay to take it, and make use of him to his own service”*.
 - *“an agreement for a limited power on the one side, and obedience on the other”*.
- **Social contract**
 - When everyone approves that they are going to have the exact same laws, and they all have their rights to life, freedom, property as they relinquish their freedom at times for the sake of secure living and not to feel threatened by anyone.
 - When all of us give up our freedom, and we agree to follow our set of laws.

Mary Astell

- **Marrying for love/money**
 - Most men think of their benefits in marriage.
 - Marrying out of love ONLY will make the couple miserable.
 - There is not much difference between marrying for love or marrying for money, *“man don't act according to reason in either cases but is governed by irregular appetites”*.
 - All of these desires that man finds in women they do not last for a long time.
- **Higher design.**
 - Most poor women are taught that they *“should have a higher design than to get her a husband”*.
 - *“A husband is thought by both sexes so very valuable”*.
 - Even if a husband is unworthy of a woman, he sees himself to be *“good enough to pretend to any woman”*.
 - *“A wonder-working name as to make an equality, or something more, whenever it is pronounced”*.
 - If a woman is taught right of her worth and that men can undervalue her, and that they *“lay for her under so many glided compliments... disgrace would be prevented”*, and *“women would marry more discreetly, and demean themselves better in a married state than some people say they do”*.
- **Education:**
 - A woman is kept from knowing better and educating.
 - Men keep women from educating because they are afraid of losing control over them.