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The [First] Great Awakening



WHAT?

A Religious Revival

WHEN?

Late Colonial Period (1730s-1740s)

WHERE?

The **ENTIRE** English-speaking world
(All Colonies & Britain)

WHO?

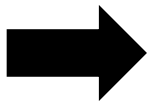
Jonathan Edwards (New England Preacher)
Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God
George Whitefield (British Preacher)

KEY DETAILS:



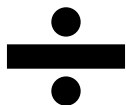
EMOTIONAL Preaching “Hellfire and Brimstone”

Focus on producing a **Conversion Experience**
within the **heart** of the hearer



Itinerant Preachers

Traveling preachers, often (but not always) lacking education



Created Divisions

Old Lights (Established Religion) vs. New Lights

CONSEQUENCES: An increase in religious fervor in the colonies

While the New England colonies had been founded on religious principles, religious fervor declined with subsequent generations. The Southern Colonies had been founded by people seeking profit – religion becomes a thing for the first time there.

Rise of Nontraditional Denominations (e.g., Baptists, Methodists)
Decline of Established Denominations (e.g., Anglican Church)

CONCURRENT MOVEMENT:

The Enlightenment

(Jefferson, Franklin, Paine)

Focus: Rationality

It's important to distinguish the [First] Great Awakening and the Enlightenment as concurrent, but distinct cultural/intellectual currents. **These are two completely different ways of thinking** – one being more emotional and focused on religion – **but they both challenged existing ways of thinking.**

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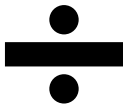
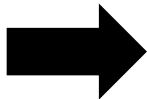
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Key People: