Voltaire #2

- Wrote the famous novel *Candide*
- Voltaire often used a razor sharp humor and cutting sarcasm in his writings.
- He was imprisoned in the *Bastille* in Paris and exiled because of his attacks on the French government and the Catholic Church.
- Voltaire's books were outlawed, even burned, by the authorities.

VOLTAIRE

- Advocated freedom of thought, speech, politics, and religion.
- Fought against intolerance, injustice, inequality, ignorance, and superstition.
- Attacked idle aristocrats, corrupt government officials, religious prejudice, and the slave trade.
- He often had to express his views indirectly through fictional characters because he lived in an absolute monarchy in France.

Voltaire #3 - Quotes

- My trade is to say what I think.
- I do not agree with a word you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it.
- As long as people believe in absurdities they will continue to commit atrocities.
- Every man is guilty of all the good he did not do.
- God is a comedian, playing to an audience too afraid to laugh.
- He who thinks himself wise, O heavens, is a great fool.

