

# The Making of the Modern World



## PHILOSOPHY

### Summary

The information below shows how *The Making of the Modern World* (MOMW) may be used to support research in the area of philosophy. Many key philosophers and topics of discussion are covered in MOMW, with the orientation/view being largely through the lens of economics/wealth/commerce. That lens, however, is quite encompassing in the area of philosophy.

### Major Figures in Western Philosophy

The chart below lists the major figures in philosophy and how well they are represented in *The Making of the Modern World*. As can be seen, many of them are not included as authors (or sub-authors), but equally important, they have had their works and thoughts written about or debated in other works during this time period. This is represented by the keyword and full text hits on their names.

**NOTES:** In some cases, a **full text hit** may not indicate a detailed discussion of this person's work, but may be a brief reference to one of their works or doctrines. Take that into account when discussing this with a member of the philosophy department.

PHILOSOPHER	AUTHOR	KEYWORD	FULL TEXT
Aquinas, Thomas	4	7	160
Aristotle	1	21	1,828
Bacon, Francis	11	43	431
Bayle, Pierre	9	11	31
Bentham, Jeremy	96	121	338
Berkeley, George	18	23	178
Descartes, René	1	18	904
Epictetus	0	2	198
Epicurus	0	7	572
Filmer, Robert	7	11	130
Hobbes, Thomas	18	38	90
Hume, David	56	79	631
Jefferson, Thomas	12	32	371
Kant, Immanuel	2	3	11
Locke, John	23	34	330

PHILOSOPHER	AUTHOR	KEYWORD	FULL TEXT
Machiavelli, Niccolo	5	11	285
Marx, Karl	7	41	363
Mill, John Stuart	11	23	128
Moore, Thomas	8	35	631
Newton, Isaac	16	58	1,370
Paine, Thomas	117	211	741
Plato	0	19	3,352
Rousseau, Jean-Jacques	41	56	244
Smith, Adam	356	508	3,999
Socrates	0	16	1,739
Voltaire	25	112	3,647
Wollstonecraft, Mary	8	10	23

The works here may or may not include the 'primary' texts by these figures. However, the lesser-known writings are typically harder to find and can provide as much insight into their beliefs.

### Key topics/subjects in philosophy

Listed below are a number of topics related to philosophy and how well they are covered in MOMW. It illustrates when the topic has been broken out as a subject heading for a work, as well as how many times the term can be found through a keyword or full-text search.

**NOTE:** Those terms that don't have subject term hits are no less important - they simply may be too specialized to be captured as a Library of Congress subject heading.

TOPIC/TERM	SUBJECT	KEYWORD	FULL TEXT
Philosoph*	234	1,519	17,070
Communis*	192	313	2,627
Socialism	719	898	1,963
Metaphysical	0	18	1,859
Bourgeoisie	0	48	1,195
Utilitarianis*	11	11	85
Empiricis*	0	0	296
Materialism	8	13	233
Immaterialism	0	0	12
Cartesian	0	1	77
Dualism	0	0	21
"cogito, ergo sum"	0	0	12

## Examples of support for curriculum

1. Davidson College: Philosophy 106 - History of Modern Philosophy

“Introduction to early modern philosophy. Emphasis on metaphysical and epistemological issues in Locke, Berkeley, Hume, Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, and Kant.”

As the charts above indicate, MOMW has considerable works on the topic of ‘metaphysical’ as well as works by and works discussing Locke, Berkeley, Hume, Descartes and Kant. There are also significant hits on ‘Spinoza’ for full text (158), but not if his first name is included - though a quick look indicates many of these refer to the appropriate Spinoza.

2. Davidson College: Philosophy 350 - Seminar on David Hume

“The philosophy of David Hume”

As the charts above indicate, MOMW has 56 works authored (or sub-authored) by David Hume and as many as 631 that discuss him and his work.

3. Bates College: Philosophy 272 - Philosophy from Descartes to Kant

“The problems of knowledge, reality, and morality are discussed as they developed from the time of the scientific revolution and the birth of modern philosophy until their culmination in Kant, Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume.”

As indicated above, Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Kant are all well represented in MOMW.

4. University of Michigan: Philosophy 359 - Law and Philosophy

“This course analyzes law and legal institutions from the perspective of moral and political philosophy, with particular attention to U.S. civil rights law in historical context. Topics studied in this course include: methods of legal interpretation, equality and discrimination, comparisons of racial discrimination with discrimination along other lines (for example, gender and sexual orientation), property rights and distributive justice, the tension between social control and liberty (including specific liberties, such as free exercise of religion), and the justification for punishing lawbreakers (or for imposing specific punishments, such as the death penalty). Readings will be drawn from historical figures (Locke, Hume, Bentham, Mill); from contemporary legal philosophers; from

texts in legal history, criminology, or sociology; and from statutes and court decisions. Requirements include substantial readings, three short papers, a final examination, and class participation. A likely text required for purchase will be John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*.”

As indicated in the charts above, Locke, Hume, Bentham and Mill are all very well represented in MOMW. The specific work mentioned by John Locke is not included, but many others are. This may also be a tie into MOML.

5. Harvard University: Philosophy 122 - British Empiricism

“A study of the central works of Locke, Berkeley, and Hume with primary emphasis on their contributions to metaphysics and epistemology”

MOMW includes numerous works by the figures mentioned above, as well as many mentions of metaphysics and empiricism.

6. Harvard University: Philosophy 170 - History of Political Philosophy

“A survey of the major works of political philosophy of the 17th-19th centuries, focusing on the principal figures in the social contract and utilitarian traditions: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hume, Bentham, and Mill. Attention also to the contrasting views of Aristotle, Filmer, and several conservative intuitionists.”

Much of the philosophy coverage in MOMW is of a political or economic orientations, so there will be substantial material here. It includes many works by the authors mentioned above, including *Patriarcha, or the Natural Power of Kings* by Filmer (his primary work) as well as 85 hits alone on utilitarianism\*.

## Sample Searches

If you need to develop additional searches in philosophy and are not a subject area specialist, the following website has some good, general overviews on key figures in philosophy and their beliefs.

<http://www.philosophypages.com/index.htm>

1. From Advanced Search, enter *john locke* for Author and **filmer** for Full Text. Robert Filmer is another political/philosophical writer of the time - one with which John Locke disagreed on many issues, including Filmer's view on monarchy and property.

You will get 5 results

Look at the third: [Locke, John]. Two treatises of government: in the former, the false principles and foundation of Sir Robert Filmer, and his followers, are detected and...London, 1698. 362pp.

On the first relevant page (with a full-text match), which is the start of Book 1 on printed page 1 (page image #7), John Locke starts to weigh in on his issues with Filmer's work Patriarcha, including his views on slavery.

Using the eTOC, you may then navigate into Book 2 where he expands on his views on civil government and politics in general, including sections on slavery, the protection of private property and much more.

2. Multiple editions of both of Jeremy Bentham's two well-known (if not best-known) works are found in MOMW: *A fragment on government; ...* and *An introduction to the principles of morals and legislation*.

One of Bentham's themes was that the creation of appropriate but certain punishments to dissuade potential wrong doers from causing damage to others or to society in general. His views were debated by many politicians and philosophers that followed him, as indicated by the number of hits for him in the chart at the top of this document.

From Advanced Search, enter **jeremy bentham** for Author and **punish\*** for Full Text and **fragment or introduction** for Title to narrow your results to the 2 previously mentioned works.

You will get 8 results.

Choose result #6, Bentham, Jeremy. *A fragment on government : or, A comment on the Commentaries : being an examination of what is delivered on the subject of government in general,...* 2nd ed., enl. London, 1823. 207pp.

From the list of relevant pages, chose page # 132 (image 196), which is part of his discussion on punishment and duty and the need for punishment if duty is neglected (page 134).

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