

Voltaire Reflection Chart

Put yourself in the mind of Voltaire. Answer each question below as he might have, based on his beliefs about reason, freedom of thought, and the dangers of prejudice and power.

Question	Your Response (as Voltaire)
What does Voltaire mean when he says people who believe silly or strange things can end up doing terrible things? How does that connect to Éloïse's case?	
Why does Voltaire think Éloïse was treated unfairly? What does he say about her being a woman with bold ideas?	
What does Voltaire say about the Church and rich people in this trial? Why does he seem to think they were part of the problem?	
Why does Voltaire believe that what regular people think (public opinion) matters, even if the court makes the wrong decision?	
Voltaire says history will remember "how it happened." What do you think he means by that, and why is it important to him?	

