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The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Britannica Library Teens website. The bar is dark blue with the '250 Britannica Library Teens' logo on the left, a search icon in a yellow box, and a menu icon on the right. Below the navigation bar is a large, detailed portrait of a man with powdered hair, likely an Enlightenment philosopher, set against a green, textured background. At the bottom of the page, there is a dark blue navigation bar with a 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' link, the word 'Enlightenment' in large white text, and a row of red circular icons for navigation (back, forward, search, etc.). Below this is a light blue bar with the word 'Introduction' in white text.

The [National Geographic Virtual Library](#) has articles on topics studied in The emergence of the Modern World.

The screenshot shows the National Geographic Virtual Library interface. At the top, there's a banner with the National Geographic logo and a search bar. Below the banner, the article title "The World of Luther" is displayed, along with the authors "Merle Severy and James L. Amos". The article content includes a large title "The World of Luther" in a decorative font, a small portrait of Martin Luther, and a paragraph of text: "ACCLAIMED the Great Reformer, Martin Luther challenged the mightiest power on earth in his day, the Roman Catholic Church. With a call in 1517 for debate on 95 theses —posted, tradition has it, on the". To the right of the text is a large illustration of a church interior with people gathered around a table, possibly a printing press or a classroom.

[Oxford Reference](#) has a helpful, searchable Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment.

The screenshot shows the Oxford Reference website. The header features the "Oxford Reference" logo and a search bar. Below the header, there are navigation tabs for "Subject" and "Reference Type", and a status bar showing "My Content (1)" and "My Searches (0)". The main content area displays the entry for "Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment", edited by Alan Charles Kors. The entry includes a list of awards: "2003 Booklist Editors' Choice", "2003 Library Journal Best Reference Source", "2004 Library Journal Starred Review", and "2004 Choice Outstanding Academic Title". It also mentions "700 entries" and provides a brief description: "Covering the 'long' Enlightenment, from the rise of Descartes' disciples in 1670 to the restoration of the Bourbon monarchy in 1815, these 700 articles by leading scholars range from discussions of mercantilism and democracy to the battlefield to the dissemination of ideas in salons and coffeehouses. Breaking conventional geographical boundaries, coverage includes not only Western Europe but also North America, Brazil, and Iberian, Russian, Jewish, and Eastern European cultures." To the right of the entry is a bio for Alan Charles Kors, editor, stating he has been teaching European intellectual history since 1968 at the University of Pennsylvania, where he is Professor of History.

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