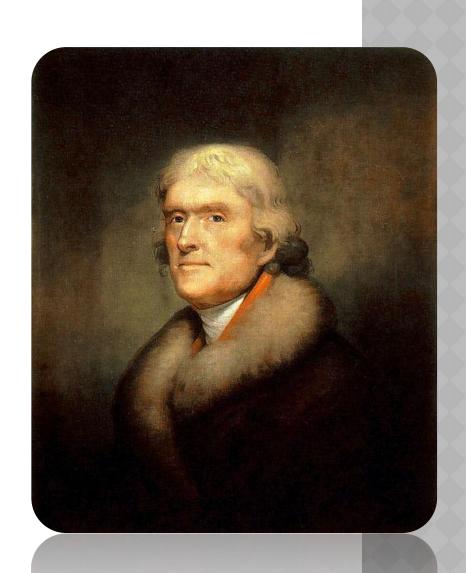


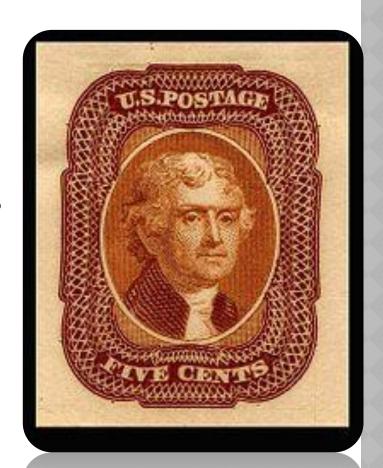
THOMAS JEFFERSON by Kucherenko K.

- THOMAS JEFFERSON
 (April, 13 1743 July 4, 1826)
- American Founding Father
- The principal author of the Declaration of Independence (1776)
- The third President of the US (1801-1809)



EARLY LIFE AND CAREER

- The third of ten children;
 - Jeffersons relocated to Tuckahoe (1745);
 - Thomas inherited approximately 5,000 acres of land
 - (including Monticello and between 20 and 40 slaves) after father's death;
 - He took control of the property after he came of age at 21.





EDUCATION

- Jefferson began his childhood education under the direction of tutors at Tuckahoe along with the Randolph children.
- began studying Latin, Greek, and French; he learned to ride horses, and began to appreciate the study of nature
- At age 16, Jefferson entered the Collage of William & Mary in Williamsburg.
- Jefferson read law while working as a law clerk for Wythe
- he also read a wide variety of English classics and political works
- He collected and accumulated thousands of books for his library at Monticello.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

- Jefferson married the 23-year-old widow Martha Wayles Skelton
- Jefferson played the violin and Martha was an accomplished piano player
- Martha bore six children
- A few months after the birth of her last child, Martha died. Jefferson was was distraught after her death
- Jefferson never remarried

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

- Jefferson served as a delegate to the Second Continental Congress beginning in June 1775.
- Jefferson and Adams established a friendship that would last the rest of their lives; it led to the drafting of Jefferson to write the declaration of independence.
- After voting in favor of the resolution of independence on July 2, Congress turned its attention to the declaration
- The Declaration would eventually be considered one of Jefferson's major achievements; his preamble has been considered an enduring statement of human rights

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DEMOCRACY

- Jefferson is often cited as an important figure in early American democracy
- Jefferson envisioned democracy as an expression of society as a whole, and that he called for national self-determination, cultural uniformity, and education of all the people
- Jefferson believed that public education and a free press were essential to a democratic nation



MONTICELLO

