**Declaration of Independence Internet Activity**

The Declaration of Independence is an important document that broke ties with King George III of England. We’ll read about the Declaration and some important people who influenced the beginnings of the United States of America.

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**Directions**: Go to the website: AMERICASLIBRARY.GOV/AA/INDEX.PHP

* Click on: **U.S. Presidents** then **Thomas Jefferson. Read about Thomas Jefferson and answer the questions.**

1. Who was the main author of the Declaration of Independence? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What other important jobs did Thomas Jefferson have in his lifetime? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Click on the story about Thomas Jefferson with the title, **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING HE EVER WROTE**. Read all the pages.

1. How do we know that Thomas Jefferson wrote more than one draft of the Declaration of Independence? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did the other members of the Continental Congress choose Thomas Jefferson to write the Declaration of Independence? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What are the best-known words of the Declaration of Independence? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What do you think the best-known words of the Declaration mean? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What does the Declaration of Independence explain? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What two (2) big ideas did Thomas Jefferson believe in? **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**(2)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* **Think ABOUT IT!**

1. Why is the Declaration of Independence important? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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