President Fact Sheet: Thomas Jefferson

Monumental Men

Overview

What kind of primary sources did you review when learning about Thomas Jefferson? What facts did you learn about him?

Directions

Read your assigned section about Thomas Jefferson and list the types of primary sources that you reviewed. Then write down the answers to as many of these questions as you can on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to write your name and class on your paper. Later, you will work with your group to make sure you have listed all of the primary sources and found answers to all of the questions.

Primary Sources

List the title and type of each primary source you viewed in your assigned section about Thomas Jefferson.

Questions

1. When was Jefferson born and when did he die?

2. List 3 interests or talents Jefferson had.

I.

II.

III.

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3. Why was Jefferson chosen to write the Declaration of Independence?

4. What does the Declaration of Independence explain?

5. List 3 beliefs about government that Jefferson had.

   I.

   II.

   III.

6. What did Jefferson do for the Library of Congress while he was President?

7. Jefferson's personal book collection, which he sold to Congress, contained books on which subjects and in which languages?

8. Where is the Library of Congress collection housed today? Is this the same place it has always been housed?

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9. While serving as the American minister to France in the 1780s, Jefferson developed a taste for what kind of cooking?

10. What was one of the most popular dishes that Jefferson served at his Monticello home? Which dish that he served would you NOT want to try and which would you try?

11. What types of rooms did Jefferson design for his home Monticello and what did they contain?

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