

## Additional Vocabulary and Comprehension Questions

Setting & Overview: Virginia; mid 1700s to early 1800s. Due to his mind and his writing abilities, Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826) gained public office at a young age. He wrote the Declaration of Independence during the Revolutionary War and served in Congress after the war. Elected president in 1800, Jefferson made the Louisiana Purchase and sent explorers to the West. After an eight-year term, Jefferson returned to Virginia, where he founded the University of Virginia and entertained guests. He died on July 4, 1826 (as did John Adams).

Q: Describe Thomas Jefferson's childhood? [chap. 1]

A: he came from a well-to-do-family, he liked to study and learn from the people he met

Q: Who was Patrick Henry and what was his most famous speech? [chap. 5]

A: a lawyer and a burgess; he spoke against the king

Q: How did Jefferson strive to become the best lawyer possible? [chap. 5]

A: he worked for five years: woke at 5:00 a.m. and stayed up past midnight, studied things other than law

Do an internet search and find a picture of Monticello.

Q: Why did the Burgess of Virginia meet? [chap. 7]

A: to find out how the other colonies dealt with English laws and taxes

Q: What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence? [chap. 8]

A: to tell the world about what the Americans were fighting for; their rights, to be free, to choose their own rulers, and if a ruler was unjust, they had the right to choose a new one

Q: What did Jefferson seek for religious freedom? [chap. 9]

A: to stop mandatory taxes to the Church of England

Q: What office did Jefferson hold in Virginia? [chap. 9]

A: Governor

Q: What new ideas did Jefferson suggest to the Continental Congress? [chap. 11]

A: Western lands should become new states, and the nation needed currency based on dollars and cents

Q: Why did Jefferson leave France? [chap. 12]

A: French Revolution began

Q: What were several of Jefferson's jobs in the new country? [chap. 13]

A: Secretary of State, ran the Mint and the Office of Inventions, Vice President for President Adams

Q: Did Jefferson try to look fancy during his presidency? [chap. 14]

A: no, very casual

Q: Whom did Jefferson send to explore the Western United States? [chap. 15]

A: Lewis and Clark

Q: How did the Library of Congress begin? [chap. 17]

A: Jefferson sold his 7,000 books

Q: What was the highest political office Jefferson held? [chap. 17]

A: third President of the United States

Q: How did Jefferson try to ensure that learning would continue even after his death? [chap. 17]

A: founded the University of Virginia