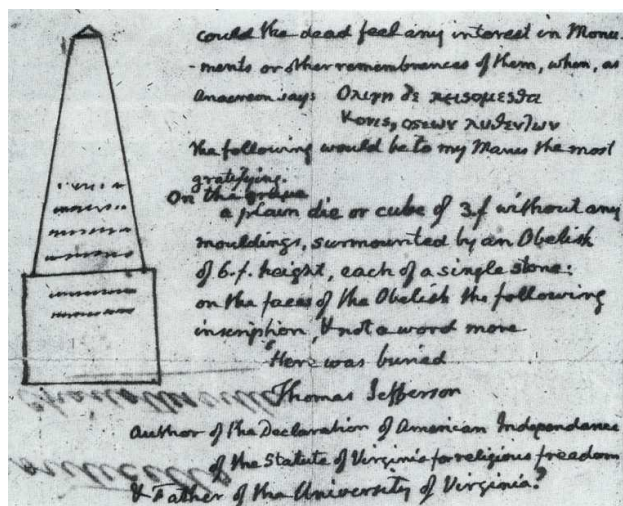


PRESIDENT THOMAS JEFFERSON'S LEGACY

Before he died, Thomas Jefferson designed his own grave marker and epitaph. One the marker, he chose to list the achievements that he had govern to the people of Virginia and America. He chose the following to commemorate his life:



**HERE WAS BURIED
THOMAS JEFFERSON
AUTHOR OF THE DECLARATION OF
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
OF THE STATUTE OF VIRGINIA FOR
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
AND FATHER OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BORN APRIL 2. 1743.
O.S. DIED JULY 4. 1826**

Thomas Jefferson has left a lasting legacy, and he is often listed in historical rankings as one of the top five Presidents. Why? Has he left the legacy he hoped to leave, one that labels him as the author of the Declaration of American Independence, author of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, and the founder of the University of Virginia? Or is Jefferson remembered for his Presidency? Knowing his political views and ideals, how do you feel Thomas Jefferson should be remembered? What legacy did he leave as a President? What were his accomplishments? What were his failure or short comings as President?

Read the selected pages and specific online readings listed below. On the reverse of this page, add notes to the chart dealing with Jefferson's presidency. Should he have added his term as President in his epitaph? You will be asked to debate this question in class. Mr. Keily will determine the winner of the debate. Points will be awarded for well constructed arguments and counter arguments. Come prepared to argue either side!

MUST DO

From AmericanPresident.org (available online), print, read, and take notes on "Domestic Affairs" and "Foreign Affairs"

CAN DO

In CREATING AMERICA, you may read if you so choose (it may help strengthen your arguments in class):

- ✓ Undoing Federalist Programs (316)
- ✓ Marshall and the Judiciary (316)
 - ✓ Marbury v. Madison (317)
- ✓ Napoleon and New Orleans (319)
 - ✓ The Louisiana Purchase (319)
 - ✓ Jefferson's Foreign Policy (326)
- ✓ Problems with France and England (327)
 - ✓ Trade as a Weapon (328)

Should Jefferson be considered one of the top five Presidents of all time?

YUP!	NOPE!

Should Jefferson's Presidency be mentioned on his grave stone?

YUP!	NOPE!

