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Thomas Jefferson: Founder, President

Thomas Jefferson was the third president of the United States of America. His life years are from 1743 till 1826. As the writer of the Declaration of Independence and the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, he can certainly be considered the most striking champion of political and spiritual freedom in his country's history. He gave the aim of the new nation voice in matchless phrase, and one may distrust if any other American has been so often refer. Being a public official legislator, diplomat, and executive, he operates the province and commonwealth of Virginia and the young American republic almost 40 years. This powerful advocate of liberty was a planter and surveyor, some 5,000 acres of land, and from his mother, a Randolph, he inherited lofty social standing. He studied at the College of William and Mary, and then read law. In 1772, he married Martha Wayles Skelton, a widow, and took her to live in his partly constructed mountaintop home, Monticello.

Jefferson published little during his lifetime. Most often, he wrote official documents, speeches, or private letters. This collection includes his most important writings, public and private, as well as his only book, Notes on the State of Virginia. Jefferson's writings are essential reading for anyone who wishes to understand the Declaration of Independence.