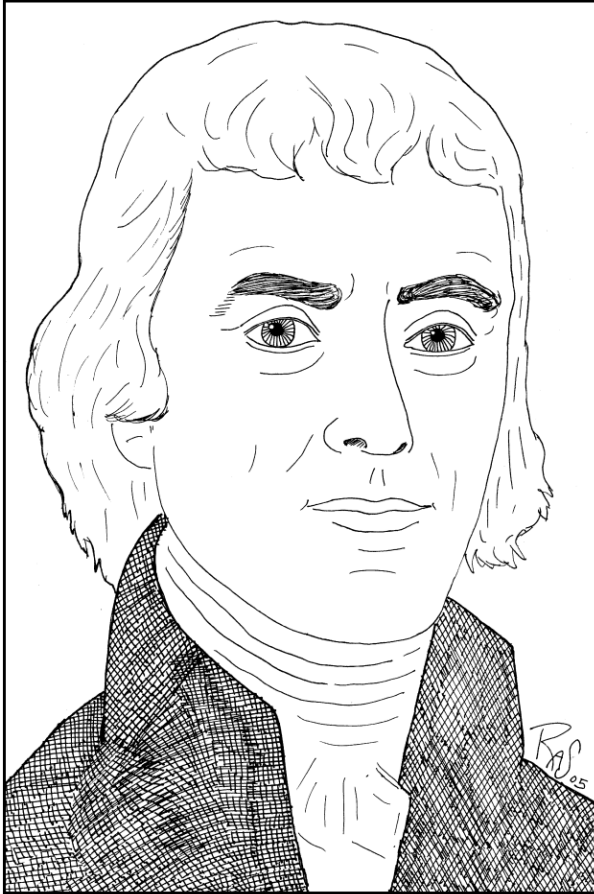


Be a Hero for a Better World



"We hold these truths to be self-evident, -that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

"The best principles of our republic secure to all its citizens a perfect equality of rights."

Thomas Jefferson wasn't a very good public speaker, but he was an eloquent writer and penned one of America's most important documents - the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson was elected as the nation's 2nd Vice President and 3rd President. After the birth of the new nation, the founding fathers split into two sharply divided political parties. The Federalists believed in a strong centralized government, while the Democratic-Republicans championed the rights of the individual states and believed strongly in the separation of church and state. Thomas Jefferson became the leader of the Democratic-Republicans.

After his two terms as President, Jefferson continued to be active in public affairs. He also turned a good deal of his attention to a dream he had had for decades - helping to create a university that all Virginia citizens could attend that would be free from influence by any church. The University of Virginia, one of the largest construction projects in the nation at the time, was completed in 1825. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1826 - exactly 50 years after the birth of the nation they helped to found.

Thomas Jefferson was born on April 13, 1743 in Shadwell, Virginia

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