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| Thomas Jefferson (1801 - 1809) Exercises | about-the-world.org/3936 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (C) | Plantation | (1) | large farm for specific crops |
| (D) | Inaugurated | (2) | document declaring US freedom |
| (I) | Louisiana Purchase | (3) | early US political party |
| (I) | Alien and Sedition Acts | (4) | formally admitted to office |
| (N) | Democratic-Republican Party | (5) | US land acquisition from France |
| (N) | Founding father | (6) | exploration of western US |
| (O) | Declaration of Independence | (7) | laws restricting immigration and speech |
| (O) | Embargo Act of 1807 | (8) | law prohibiting foreign trade |
| (T) | Lewis and Clark Expedition | (9) | key figure in establishing US |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (A) | Jefferson was inaugurated ... | (1) | ... was born in Virginia. |
| (B) | Thomas Jefferson ... | (2) | ... the Vice President. |
| (E) | Jefferson’s domestic policies ... | (3) | ... as the third President. |
| (K) | He commissioned the ... | (4) | ... happened in 1803. |
| (L) | He served as ... | (5) | ... Lewis and Clark Expedition. |
| (N) | The Louisiana Purchase ... | (6) | ... focused on reducing debt. |
| (T) | His legacy continues ... | (7) | ... to shape US ideals. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What was Thomas Jefferson’s role in the American Revolution? |
| (P) | He drafted the Declaration of Independence |
| (R) | He was a French general |
| (V) | He was a British spy |
| 2. | What did the Louisiana Purchase achieve? |
| (A) | It started the American Revolution |
| (O) | It doubled the size of the US |
| (S) | It made Jefferson the king of France |
| 3. | What was the purpose of the Lewis and Clark Expedition? |
| (N) | To establish a new colony |
| (R) | To find a route to India |
| (T) | To explore the newly acquired territory |
| 4. | What was one of Jefferson’s domestic policies? |
| (A) | Reducing the national debt |
| (R) | Banning all foreign trade |
| (V) | Establishing a monarchy |
| 5. | What was Jefferson’s foreign policy with Britain and France? |
| (A) | Forming an alliance with Britain against France |
| (S) | Declaring war on both countries |
| (T) | Maintaining peace while protecting American interests |
| 6. | What is one of Jefferson’s most significant contributions? |
| (O) | Authorship of the Declaration of Independence |
| (R) | Invention of the cotton gin |
| (V) | Discovery of the Northwest Passage |

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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| (U) | (V) | 1. Thomas Jefferson was born in Virginia. |
| (F) | (R) | 2. Jefferson was Vice President under John Adams. |
| (R) | (L) | 3. Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence. |
| (A) | (R) | 4. Jefferson was the third US President. |
| (U) | (T) | 5. The Louisiana Purchase happened in 1803. |
| (A) | (B) | 6. The Lewis and Clark Expedition was in 1804. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What was Thomas Jefferson’s early life like?

What was Jefferson’s role in the American Revolution?

What was Jefferson’s aim when he became president?

What was the significance of the Louisiana Purchase?

What was the purpose of the Lewis and Clark Expedition?

What were Jefferson’s domestic policies?

What is Jefferson’s legacy?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Thomas Jefferson (1801 - 1809)**

**Match terms**

Plantation = large farm for specific crops

Declaration of Independence = document declaring US freedom

Democratic-Republican Party = early US political party

Inaugurated = formally admitted to office

Louisiana Purchase = US land acquisition from France

Lewis and Clark Expedition = exploration of western US

Alien and Sedition Acts = laws restricting immigration and speech

Embargo Act of 1807 = law prohibiting foreign trade

Founding father = key figure in establishing US

Keyword: CONDITION

**Complete sentences**

Thomas Jefferson | was born in Virginia.

He served as | the Vice President.

Jefferson was inaugurated | as the third President.

The Louisiana Purchase | happened in 1803.

He commissioned the | Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Jefferson’s domestic policies | focused on reducing debt.

His legacy continues | to shape US ideals.

Keyword: BLANKET

**Questions**

What was Thomas Jefferson’s role in the American Revolution?

He drafted the Declaration of Independence

What did the Louisiana Purchase achieve?

It doubled the size of the US

What was the purpose of the Lewis and Clark Expedition?

To explore the newly acquired territory

What was one of Jefferson’s domestic policies?

Reducing the national debt

What was Jefferson’s foreign policy with Britain and France?

Maintaining peace while protecting American interests

What is one of Jefferson’s most significant contributions?

Authorship of the Declaration of Independence

Keyword: POTATO

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Thomas Jefferson was born in Virginia.

4. Jefferson was the third US President.

5. The Louisiana Purchase happened in 1803.

wrong

6. The Lewis and Clark Expedition was in 1804.

2. Jefferson was Vice President under John Adams.

3. Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence.

Keyword: WINTER

**Solution sheet 2**

**Thomas Jefferson (1801 - 1809)**

**Questions and answers**

What was Thomas Jefferson’s early life like?

Thomas Jefferson was born into a wealthy plantation family in Virginia and received a good education. He developed a strong interest in science and the arts.

What was Jefferson’s role in the American Revolution?

Jefferson played a significant role in the American Revolution as a strong advocate for independence. He drafted the Declaration of Independence, which declared the colonies free from British rule.

What was Jefferson’s aim when he became president?

Jefferson aimed to reduce the power of the federal government and promote individual liberties. He believed in the importance of agriculture and the rights of farmers.

What was the significance of the Louisiana Purchase?

The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States by acquiring land from France. It provided opportunities for farming and westward expansion and secured control of the Mississippi River.

What was the purpose of the Lewis and Clark Expedition?

The Lewis and Clark Expedition was commissioned to explore the newly acquired territory. The mission was to map the land, study the plants and animals, and establish relations with Native American tribes.

What were Jefferson’s domestic policies?

Jefferson’s domestic policies focused on reducing the national debt and cutting government spending. He believed in a limited government and supported the idea of public education.

What is Jefferson’s legacy?

Thomas Jefferson is remembered as a founding father and a champion of individual rights. His authorship of the Declaration of Independence and his vision of a nation based on liberty and democracy have influenced American values. He also founded the University of Virginia.