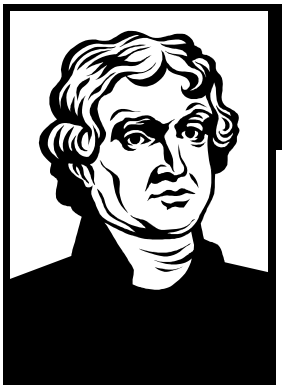
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Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

- After college, Jefferson became a lawyer.
- He was then elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses.
- He was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence.
- He served as governor of Virginia during the Revolution.
- He served as minister to France.
- He worked as George Washington's secretary of state, as John Adams's vice president, and as America's third president.
- He was responsible for the Louisiana Purchase.
- He was a violinist, a horseman, and an inventor.

Task: Answer the following

1. Of all of the accomplishments Jefferson included in his epitaph why did he choose those three?
2. Why do you think he omitted the rest?
3. What does his choice of what to include and what to exclude tell us about Jefferson?

