

Thomas Jefferson Project List

Choose a project to showcase your creativity and knowledge of Thomas Jefferson. Projects should be completed individually and not as part of a group. Group projects **MAY** be allowed with teacher approval. You are not limited to this list. These are merely suggestions. Check with your teacher before you begin. Each student will receive a copy of the grading rubric at the time of project selection.

Diary Entry

Pretend you are Thomas Jefferson during June of 1776. Write 5 to 10 diary entries detailing the experience of writing the Declaration of Independence. Be sure to include “your” feelings at the several revisions the document went through before the final form. Bind the entries in a diary-type book.

Museum Exhibit

Create a museum exhibit on some aspect of Thomas Jefferson’s public work. Pretend that you are the curator of the museum and that you are giving a tour of the exhibit. Be prepared to explain the items in the exhibit and their relation to Jefferson as well as their significance.

Art Project

Create some type of art work emphasizing some aspect of Thomas Jefferson’s life and work. This can be any medium you choose; painting, watercolor, drawing, collage, poster etc. Write an explanatory sheet to go with the art work such as those seen in museums.

Postcard

You are a witness to the reading of the Declaration of Independence. Design a postcard that might have been sent from Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. Be sure to address it to your parents or a friend. Be sure to write at least 5 details about the declaration. Use at least ½ sheet of poster board.

Poetry/Prose

Create a poem or piece of prose which expresses some aspect of Thomas Jefferson’s life and work. Present this creatively on a poster or do a reading in front of the class.

Diorama

Create a diorama showcasing some aspect of Thomas Jefferson’s life and work. Keep the showcase box between shoebox and fruit box size.

Theater

Write and perform (you may enlist others) a short (under 15 minutes) skit detailing some aspect of Thomas Jefferson’s life and work.

Live Mannequin

Dress up like Thomas Jefferson and pretend that you are TJ come to life. What would he want us to know about his role as a Founding Father? Present details of his life you think he would want our generation to know and understand. Write your script.

Acrostic

Create an acrostic of Thomas Jefferson’s name. Use words and phrases to describe his life and work. Present on poster board and decorate.

Tri-fold

Using a tri-fold, create a display of some aspect of Thomas Jefferson’s life and work. Use pictures, images, drawings and text.

Music

Thomas Jefferson loved music. Create a song which expresses the ideas of Thomas Jefferson or a ballad which tells his life's story. Write a copy of the lyrics.

Dance

Create a dance which expressed some aspect of Thomas Jefferson's life and work. Write a description of the movements as they relate to telling Jefferson's story.

Game

Create a game in which the players use their knowledge about Thomas Jefferson or learn new things about him. Design and make a game board, playing pieces, and instructions. Play with the class or a small group.

Phone Call

Write a script for a phone call between Thomas Jefferson and another person (in history or not) explaining some elements of Jefferson's life and work.