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## Thomas Jefferson

### Biography

**Full Name:**

Thomas Jefferson

**Birth Date & Place:**

April 13, 1743

Shadwell Plantation,  
 Albermarle County, Virginia

**Schooling:**

A private school run by James Maury, The College of William & Mary. Also studied law under George Wythe.

**Lived:**

France (1785-1789)

Washington, D.C., (White House)

Monticello in Charlottesville,  
 Virginia

**Death:**

July 4, 1826 at Monticello in  
 Charlottesville, Virginia

### Achievements

**1776:** He was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence.

**1786:** His Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom was passed by the General Assembly and became the basis for the freedom of religion clause in the Constitution.

**1801-1809:** He was the third president of the United States.

### Party differences?

Jefferson opposed Alexander Hamilton's economic plan, which included federally funding state debts, a national bank, and manufacturing.

Jefferson stressed strict interpretation of the Constitution as opposed to Alexander Hamilton.

## Fun Facts

In 1803, he oversaw the Louisiana Purchase, which doubled the size of the United States.

His portrait is on the nickel and the two-dollar bill.

## Quotes

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

## What is the Value of a Nickel?

A nickel is worth 5 cents. This value can also be written as 5¢ or \$.05. It is equivalent to 5 pennies.

## What is on the Back of the Coin?

Monticello, Jefferson's estate is usually on the nickel but from 2004-2006, the U.S. Mint issued five new designs to celebrate the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

## What is on the Back of the Two-Dollar Bill?

The signing of the Declaration of Independence.

## Web Resources

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