

THOMAS JEFFERSON

A P R E S I D E N T ' S V I S I O N

AT FIRST GLANCE WORKSHEET

This worksheet will help you develop an initial analysis of the content and design of the *President's Vision* poster on Thomas Jefferson. Carefully examine the poster, then write your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

TAKING A FIRST GLANCE

1. When did Thomas Jefferson serve as U.S. president? How many terms did he serve?
2. The poster features an excerpt from Jefferson's first inaugural address. Rewrite the quotation in your own words.

TAKING A KNOWLEDGE INVENTORY

3. What do you know about Thomas Jefferson?
4. What would you like to learn about Jefferson and his presidency?

READING THE NARRATIVE

5. Name two reasons why Jefferson's election was significant.
6. List several achievements of his presidency.
7. Why was Jefferson's decision to cut taxes considered consistent with his Republican principles?
8. What challenges did Jefferson face in his second term? What did he hope to achieve with the Embargo Act of 1807?
9. How does this narrative add to your understanding of Jefferson?

STUDYING THE POSTER DESIGN

10. List all of the graphic elements (such as paintings, documents, and images) that the designer used to create the poster.
11. As you scan the poster, what image catches your attention first? Why are you drawn to this image?
12. Consider the work of the poster's designer. List three important choices that he or she made in designing this poster. Explain why each is important.

EXAMINING THE IMAGES

13. The images on the lower half of the poster are arranged in three vertical columns. Write a headline for each column that describes its main topic. How do these three stories of Jefferson's presidency help us better understand him as a historical figure?
14. Use the poster to determine three characteristics of the United States during the years that Jefferson served as president.

UNDERSTANDING JEFFERSON'S VISION

15. In two or three sentences, describe the vision that guided Jefferson during his terms in office.

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