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Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

Thomas Jefferson was born in Virginia. His family owned a plantation. Jefferson studied Latin, Greek and French. When he was 14, his father died. He then inherited the land where he would later build his home, Monticello.

Years later, he entered college and graduated with honors as a lawyer. He advocated for religious tolerance and equal public education. He founded the University of Virginia.

He would later become governor of Virginia, secretary of state, vice president of the United States, and then, president of the United States on two consecutive occasions.

Another important accomplishment of Jefferson, with the help of John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, was the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

Jefferson's portrait now appears on the nickle. On the reverse side of the nickel is his residence, Monticello.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Thomas Jefferson born?

- a. Alabama
- b. Virginia
- c. Georgia
- d. None of the above

2. How many times was Thomas Jefferson elected president?

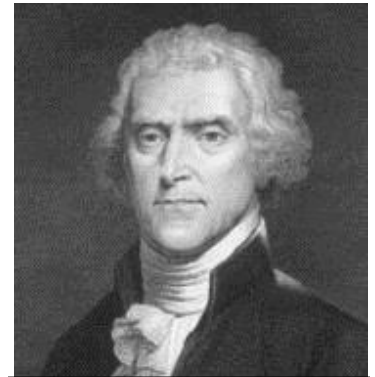
- a. one
- b. two
- c. three
- d. none of the above

3. Thomas Jefferson wrote _____.

- a. the Declaration of Independence
- b. the Declaration of Virginia
- c. the Declaration of the rights of children
- d. the Universal Declaration

4. On which coin does the portrait of Thomas Jefferson appear?

- a. dime
- b. quarter
- c. half dollar
- d. nickle



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