

President Thomas Jefferson

Week 27 • Wednesday • Hands-On: The Curious President

Reading Time

Thomas Jefferson became America's third president in 1801. You already know him — he wrote the Declaration of Independence!

Jefferson was one of the most curious people ever. He loved books and owned thousands of them. He studied plants, animals, weather, music, and buildings. He designed his own house, called **Monticello**, and invented clever gadgets like a spinning book stand that held five books at once!

As president, Jefferson made a famous deal called the **Louisiana Purchase**. He bought a giant piece of land from France, and America doubled in size overnight! Then he sent explorers Lewis and Clark to map the new land.

Reading Questions

1. Which number president was Jefferson?

2. What famous paper did he write?

3. What was the Louisiana Purchase?

4. Who did Jefferson send to explore the new land?

Hands-On: Curiosity Journal

You need: paper, pencil, and sharp eyes.

Jefferson wrote down observations about nature every day — the weather, plants, and animals. Be curious like Jefferson!

1. Go outside (or look out a window) for five minutes.
2. In the table below, record what you observe like a scientist-president.
3. Bonus: check again later today. Did anything change?

What I observed	My notes
Today's weather	
A plant I see	
An animal or bird I see or hear	
Something interesting I noticed	

Draw It!

Jefferson designed his own house, Monticello. Design YOUR dream house! Add fun inventions inside it.



Fill in the Blanks

third Declaration books Monticello Louisiana Lewis

1. Jefferson was the _____ president.
2. He wrote the _____ of Independence.
3. He owned thousands of _____.
4. His house was called _____.
5. The _____ Purchase doubled America's size.
6. He sent _____ and Clark to explore.

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ Jefferson was the third president.
- ☐ Jefferson hated books and reading.
- ☐ He designed his own house, Monticello.
- ☐ The Louisiana Purchase made America smaller.
- ☐ Lewis and Clark explored the new land.
- ☐ Jefferson was very curious about nature.

Review

I learned...	Circle one
Who Thomas Jefferson was	YES / NOT YET
What the Louisiana Purchase did	YES / NOT YET
I observed nature like Jefferson	YES / NOT YET