



## Thomas Jefferson, Founding Father

Thomas Jefferson was a founding father of the United States. He was the third President of the United States.

He was also the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. He was a strong believer in the rights of men, including the right to liberty and freedom.

Thomas Jefferson was not a great speaker, but he was a great writer. In 1775, Thomas Jefferson was elected to the Continental Congress, and selected to write the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence affirms all men are created equal, and explained the reasons the colonists wanted to separate from England.

Jefferson was sent to France as a representative of the United States, in 1785. His time in France made Jefferson an even stronger believer in equal freedom for all. He saw struggles and discrimination and knew there was a better way.

Thomas Jefferson became President of the United States in 1801. He served as president for two terms, until 1809. During his presidency, he sealed the Louisiana Purchase which doubled the size of the United States.