

Virtual History Teacher
Thomas Jefferson Test

Name: _____

Instructions: You are playing the role of a history teacher who is grading the test below. See the questions and your “student’s” answers. Grade the quality of the answers on a scale of 1-4, “1” being a poor answer and “4” being a great answer. For each answer you grade, use your knowledge of Thomas Jefferson, or, reference the mrnussbaum.com online biography, to add the missing pieces.

Question 1: Describe how Thomas Jefferson was a “Founding Father” even before he became president?	Score:
Student Answer: He wrote the Declaration of Independence.	
Your Response:	

Question 2: What important events happened while Jefferson was president?	Score:
Student Answer: During Jefferson’s presidency, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France.	
Your Response:	

Question 3: What did Thomas Jefferson accomplish after he was president?	Score:
Student Answer: Jefferson created an important university.	
Your Response:	

Possible Answers:

Question 1: Describe how Thomas Jefferson was a “Founding Father” even before he became president?	Score:
Student Answer: He wrote the Declaration of Independence.	
Your Response: Thomas Jefferson not only wrote the Declaration of Independence, but two separate religious statutes. Furthermore, her served as governor, secretary of state, and vice-president before he was elected as president.	

Question 2: What important events happened while Jefferson was president?	Score:
Student Answer: During Jefferson’s presidency, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France.	
Your Response: Your answer is incomplete. Not only did Jefferson’s presidency include the Louisiana Purchase, but it also included the First Barbary War and the incredible Lewis and Clark expedition.	

Question 3: What did Thomas Jefferson accomplish after he was president?	Score:
Student Answer: Jefferson created an important university.	
Your Response: Again, your answer is incomplete and fails to elaborate. Jefferson did create an important university: The University of Virginia. It was important because it was the first university that emphasized academics over religion and thus was the first university to be centered around a library rather than a church.	