

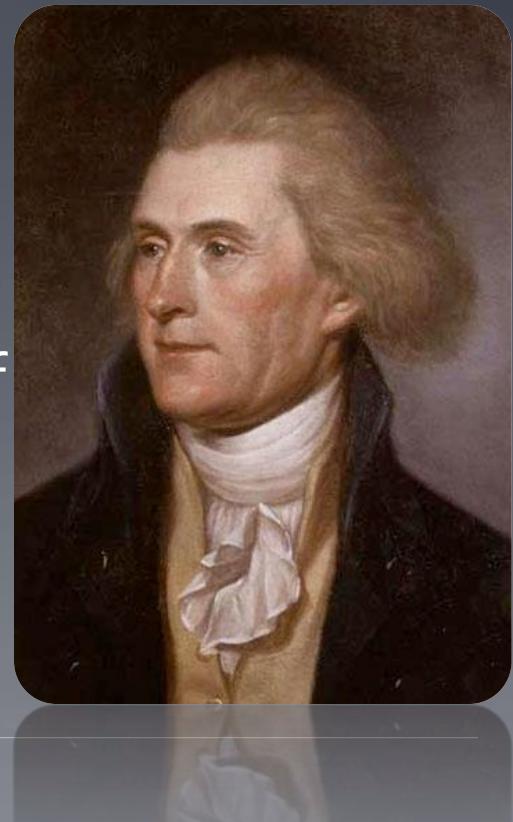
# Thomas Jefferson

Our Third President

# Basic Information

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- Born: April 13, 1743
- Died: July 4, 1826, which was 50 years after the declaration of Independence was signed.
- He was 83 years old when he died
- He was John Adams' Vice President
- He was the main writer of the Declaration of independence



# The Election

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- Won the election of 1800
  - The election was a very close race
  - The election was tied 73 to 73.
  - The House of Representatives had to settle the election.
    - Was decided by one vote
  - Led to the 12 Amendment
    - Made the President and Vice President a team on the Ballot

# Third President

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- Served as President from 1801 to 1809
- He is considered to be the greatest President of all time
- He did not veto one bill during his eight years in office
- During his inauguration he tried to bridge the gap between his party and the Federalist party
- He introduce the policy of “laissez-faire” to the United States government.
  - Laissez-Faire - a policy or attitude of letting things take their own course, without interfering

# Issues

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- Jefferson wanted to cut the national debt
  - Wanted to do this by cutting the amount of people working for the government.
- He wanted to expand the country into the west.
- Louisiana
  - Was purchased from France
- Lewis and Clark
- American Sailors Kidnapped

# Louisiana Purchase

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- Took place April 30 1803
- Most of the land to the west was already under claim by other nations
- Jefferson approaches Napoleon to purchase the Louisiana Territory.
  - Jefferson wanted to prevent France from making colonies in the west
  - Wanted to use the Port of New Orleans
- Napoleon wants to sell the land to support his war with Britain and his other military ventures in Europe

# Louisiana Purchase

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- Jefferson originally offers \$10 million
- Napoleon counters with \$15 for a much larger portion
  - Covers 800,000 square miles
- Jefferson Agrees to the \$15 million
- Doubles the Size of the United States

# Louisiana Purchase



# Lewis and Clark

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- Jefferson wanted to know more about the land west of the Mississippi
- Lewis and Clark went on an 18 month journey to explore the Louisiana Purchase and the Oregon Country
- It covered just over 4000 miles
- They were helped along by Sacagawea
  - She was a young Indian woman
- They kept a journal of all of the new plant, animals and locations they found.

# American Sailors

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- Beginning in 1805 the British capture American sailors
- The British force the Americans to fight with them against the French
- This was called Impressment
  - Forcing people to serve in the Navy
- Leads to the Embargo Act of 1807 and war later!

# Embargo Act 1807

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- America refused to trade any foreign country
- It was meant to force the countries to respect American Neutrality
- Targeted all countries, not just England
- Did not work as England traded with all of the other countries in the Americas
- Hurt the US as trade fell off and many businesses were hurt