

Enlighten the People: Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence

This guide is intended to direct to information on the Declaration of Independence, including Thomas Jefferson's role as author, its commissioning by the Committee of Five, and its adoption by the thirteen British colonies.

1. **Thomas Jefferson Portal** (<https://tjportal.on.worldcat.org/discovery>).

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2. **Virginia Heritage** (<https://vaheritage.org>).

[Declaration of Independence](https://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaxtf/search?text=%22declaration+of+independence%22) ([https://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaxtf/search?](https://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaxtf/search?text=%22declaration+of+independence%22)

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3. **Thomas Jefferson Encyclopedia** (<https://www.monticello.org/site/research-and-collections/tje>).

[Declaration of Independence](https://www.monticello.org/thomas-jefferson/jefferson-s-three-greatest-achievements/the-declaration/jefferson-and-the-declaration/) (<https://www.monticello.org/thomas-jefferson/jefferson-s-three-greatest-achievements/the-declaration/jefferson-and-the-declaration/>).

[Declaration of Independence by Stone \(Engraving\)](https://www.monticello.org/site/research-and-collections/declaration-independence-stone-engraving) (<https://www.monticello.org/site/research-and-collections/declaration-independence-stone-engraving>).

4. **Early American History Sites** (<https://www.monticello.org/research-education/jefferson-library/jefferson-library-reference/early-american-history-sites-search/>).

Use the custom search bar to search “declaration of independence” and add other terms such as “ratif⁶”, “writing,” “committee of five”

5. **Founders Online** (<https://founders.archives.gov>).

Declaration of Independence and Thomas Jefferson in the Revolutionary Period

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Declaration of Independence and the Second Continental Congress

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Declaration of Independence and adoption ([https://founders.archives.gov/index.xqy?](https://founders.archives.gov/index.xqy?q=%22declaration+of+independence%22+%22adopt*%22&s=IIII2IIII&sa=&r=I&sr=)

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6. **Jefferson Quotes & Family Letters** (<http://tjrs.monticello.org>).

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