

Enlighten the People Project: Thomas Jefferson and Geosciences

This guide leads to free Internet sites containing relevant, reliable, and rich content including published and unpublished sources, maps, manuscripts, and illustrations. “Geoscience” was not a term known to Jefferson within his time, so the clues to information provided here deal with Jefferson’s interest in and knowledge of geography, geology, nature and environment. In these search result sets there will be some redundancy and there will be some irrelevant items – so browsing and critical selectivity is required.

1. Thomas Jefferson Portal (<https://www.monticello.org/research-education/for-scholars/jefferson-library/>).

Global bibliographic access. Click “Advanced Search” and enter **Subject**

- When viewing an individual title, please click “View Description” to see more detail.

Thomas Jefferson and geography or geology (http://tjportal.on.worldcat.org/search?q=su%3A%22jefferson+thomas%22+AND+%28geolog*+OR+geograph*%29&qt=results_page&dblist=638)

Thomas Jefferson and nature or flora or fauna (<http://tjportal.on.worldcat.org/search?q=su%3A%22jefferson+thomas%22+AND+%28nature+OR+flora+OR+fauna%29&qt=advanced&dblist=638>)

Thomas Jefferson and human ecology (http://tjportal.on.worldcat.org/search?q=kw%3A%22thomas+jefferson%22++su%3A%28%22human+ecology%22+OR+sustainabl*+OR+environn)

2. Thomas Jefferson’s Libraries Project (<http://tjlibraries.monticello.org/>). Annotated listing of titles owned and read by Thomas Jefferson.

Natural history and geology (<http://www.librarything.com/catalog.php?view=ThomasJefferson&deepsearch=natural+history+geology>).

Natural history and zoology (<http://www.librarything.com/catalog.php?view=ThomasJefferson&deepsearch=natural+history+zoology>).

Natural history and geography (<http://www.librarything.com/catalog.php?view=ThomasJefferson&deepsearch=natural+history+geography>).

3. Early American History Sites Search (<https://www.monticello.org/research-education/for-scholars/jefferson-library/jefferson-library-reference/early-american-history-sites-search/>). Google Custom Search in 41 major research institutions. Note: searches generated in the E.A.H.S. are not stable and must be re-entered for each search session.

"thomas jefferson" AND (nature OR "natural history")

"thomas jefferson" AND exploration

"thomas jefferson" AND (geography OR geology) AND explor*

4. Founders Online (<http://founders.archives.gov/>). Papers of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Franklin, Hamilton, and Madison.

Science and nature and exploration (http://founders.archives.gov/?q=science%2Onature%2Oexplor*&s=IIII2IIIII&sa=&r=4I&sr=).

Thomas Jefferson and nature AND natural (<http://founders.archives.gov/index.xqy?q=+Author%3A%22Jefferson%2C+Thomas%22+nature+natural&s=IIII2IIIII&r=I>).

Thomas Jefferson and geography (http://founders.archives.gov/index.xqy?q=+Author%3A%22Jefferson%2C+Thomas%22+geograph*&s=IIII2IIIII&r=I).

Thomas Jefferson and geology (<https://founders.archives.gov/index.xqy?q=jefferson+geology&s=IIII2IIIII&sa=&r=I&sr=>).

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

Geology (<https://www.monticello.org/site/research-and-collections/geology>).

Jack Robertson. Fiske and Marie Kimball Librarian. 9/19/16

Jefferson Library at Monticello.

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