

## Presidents

Teacher page

### Thomas Jefferson

#### Goal of Scene

To recognize the accomplishments of Thomas Jefferson

#### Description of Scene

The scene takes place at Jefferson's Monticello home. The year in which the scene takes place is not particularly important. The scene showcases the accomplishments of Thomas Jefferson.

#### Clues and Other Items in Scene

Included Clues

- See page 23

Optional Clues

- Desk
- Feather Pen
- Ink Bottle

#### Setting up the Scene

Place all items on a desk or another hard surface.

#### Higher Level Thinking Activities

##### Discussion / research questions

- How do you know Thomas Jefferson was a man of many talents?
- What would America be like had Jefferson not been the author of the Declaration of Independence?
- What does it tell you about Jefferson that he authored the Declaration of Independence and designed his own home?
- What were the effects of the Declaration of Independence?

#### Follow-up Activities

- Create a clue that may have appeared in this scene. (see page 10 for help)
- In the spirit of Jefferson, have students design an illustration of their dream home complete with secret passages and inventions.
- Have students re-write the Declaration of Independence substituting the King or "He" and other words for something or someone who desires independence.