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Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Brissot de Warville 11 February 1788

Paris Feb. 11. 1788.

you know that nobody wishes more ardently to see an abolition not only of the trade but of the condition of slavery: and certainly nobody will be more willing to encounter every sacrifice for that object.

http://founders.archives.gov/documents/Jefferson/01-12-02-0612

According to the excerpt above, what is Thomas Jefferson's standing on slavery?



Document 2

Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Edward Coles 1814 August 25

I had always hoped that the younger generation, receiving their early impressions after the flame of liberty had been kindled in every breast, and had become as it were the vital spirit of every American, that the generous temperament of youth, analogous to the motion of their blood, and above the suggestions of avarice, would have sympathised with oppression wherever found, and proved their love of liberty beyond their own share of it. But my intercourse with them, since my return, has not been sufficient to ascertain that they had made towards this point the progress I had hoped.

https://www.monticello.org/site/jefferson/quotations-slavery-and-emancipation-0

According to Thomas Jefferson, what group does he hope will free all from oppression?

Has that group made the kind of progress Jefferson had hoped?



Document 3

Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Edward Rutledge, 14 July 1787

Paris July 14. 1787.

I congratulate you, my dear friend, on the law of your state for suspending the importation of slaves, and for the glory you have justly acquired by endeavoring to prevent it for ever. this abomination must have an end, and there is a superior bench reserved in heaven for those who hasten it.

http://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/93#X3184736

In your own words, how do you think Thomas Jefferson feels about the law being proposed by Edward Rutledge?



Document 4

Extract from Thomas Jefferson's Drafts of the Virginia Constitution, 1776

From Jefferson's Third Draft

No person hereafter coming into this country shall be held within the same in slavery under any pretext whatever.

http://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/1652

Thomas Jefferson drafted the Virginia Constitution with the above statement. Given this statement, how would you describe Thomas Jefferson's attitude towards slavery?



Look over the document below and reply to the questions in the space provided

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This document is a record of slaves at Monticello. What does this tell you about Thomas Jefferson?

How is the date of this document relevant?



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Document 6

14 September 1769

RUN away from the subscriber in Albemarle, a Mulatto slave called Sandy, about 35 years of age, his stature is rather low, inclining to corpulence, and his complexion light; he is a shoemaker by trade, in which he uses his left hand principally, can do coarse carpenters work, and is something of a horse jockey; he is greatly addicted to drink, and when drunk is infolent and disorderly, in his conversation he swears much, and in his behaviour is artful and knavish. He took with him a white horse, much scarred with traces, of which it is expected he will endeavour to dispose; he also carried his shoemakers tools, and will probably endeavour to get employment that way. Whoever conveys the faid flave to me, in Albemarle, shall have 40 s. reward, if taken up within the county, 4 l. if elsewhere within the colony, and 10 l. if in any other colony, from THOMAS JEFFERSON.

https://classroom.monticello.org/media-item/runaway-ad/

How is the life of a slave valued during this time in American History?



Was Thomas Jefferson egalitarian?	Name:
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Text Response	I didn't write anything	I wrote down whatever came to mind	I thought about my response before writing
Discussion	I did not speak during discussion	I shared at least one idea	I spoke for our group
Behavior	I disrupted my classmates	I paid attention during our lesson	I encouraged others to pay attention
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