Discussion Questions: Thomas Jefferson and Views and Policies towards Native Americans

- 1) Explain how Jefferson's meanings of liberty apply to Native Americans. What were his ideas about Native Americans as people and as part of society?
- 2) Compare how Jefferson's ideas and policies towards Native Americans differed from his ideas and policies towards African-Americans? Were there any similarities?
- 3) Evaluate the effects of Jefferson's policies towards American Indians. What was the effect of the Louisiana Purchase? What was the effect of the Lewis and Clark expedition?
- 4) Explain how the Native Americans responded to the American government during Jefferson's time and after his presidency.
- 5) Research other sources from Jefferson concerning Native Americans and his views and policies.