

# It's all French To Me

Exploring the French influence on Thomas Jefferson and America

# Introduction Discussion

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Do you think France had a large impact on early America? Why or why not?

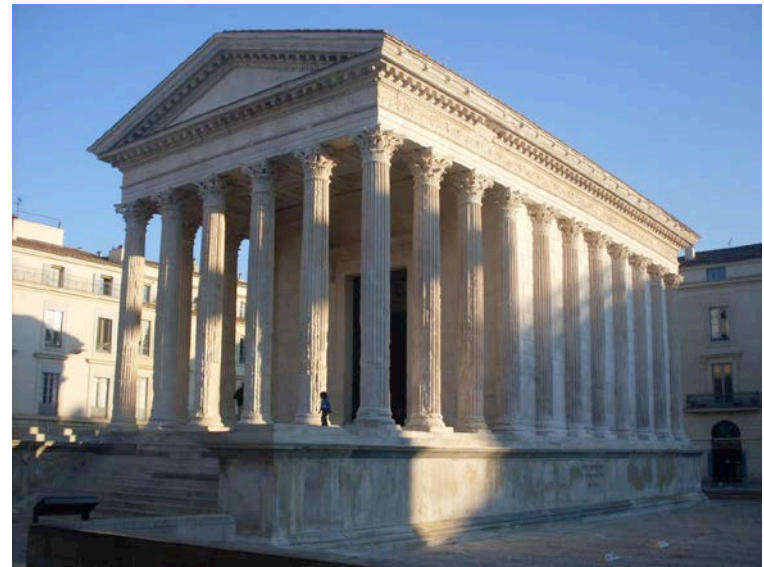
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## Maison Carree

- Roman temple in Nimes, France
- Built around 20 B.C.



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## Virginia State Capital

- Richmond, Virginia
- Built in 1788



# Neoclassical

Neoclassical: A revival of classical styles in art, literature, music, and architecture



Monticello



The Rotunda, University of VA

Can you think of other Neoclassical buildings in America?

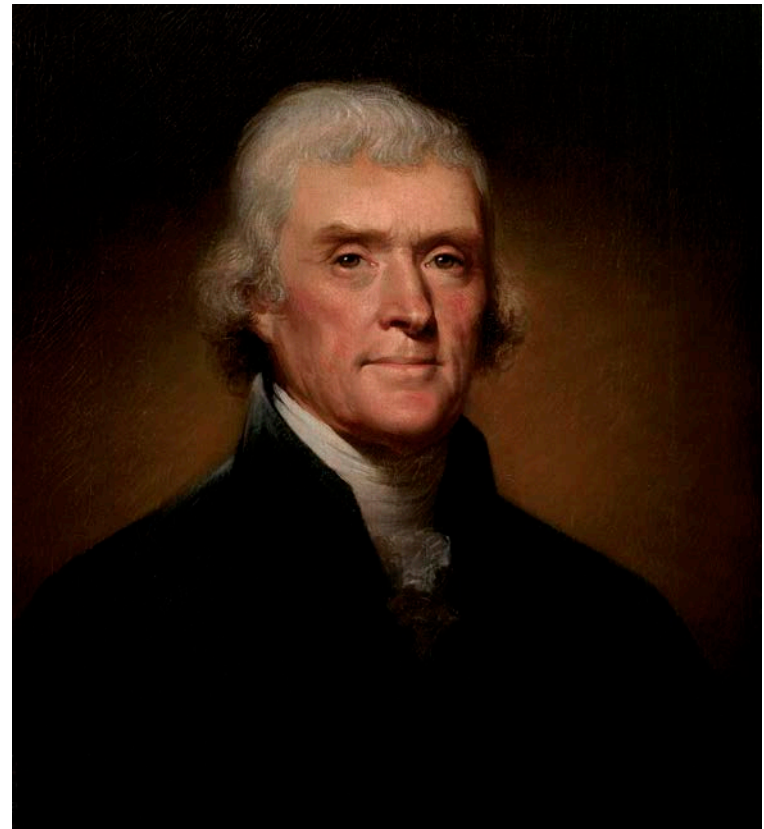


Why was Thomas  
Jefferson inspired by the  
French?



# French Inspiration

- Served as the Ambassador to France (lived in Paris)
- Thought of France as a sophisticated, prospering nation
- Wanted America to be viewed as a powerful, strong, and successful nation as well



How do we know  
Thomas Jefferson  
admired the French  
culture?

# Primary Source Activity