

Part Two, The Making of America:

Lesson 2: *The Man Who Discovered America's Freedom Formula*

(Lesson Time 37:48)

Name: _____

[for Sunday, October 19, 2014]

Reading: The Making of America, pages 15-25

Thomas Jefferson Discovered America's Freedom Formula

Pre-lesson questions for homework study and review:

1. RELATE SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THOMAS JEFFERSON'S BIRTH, HIS EARLY LIFE, AND HIS COLLEGE YEARS THROUGH AGE NINETEEN. (PAGES 15-18)

Thomas Jefferson

* Born 1783 in western Virginia

* Washington was 11 * Franklin was 37 * Sam Adams was 21 * Patrick Henry was 7

* James Madison to be born in 6 years

[Father died at his age 14.]

Study Habits

* Up to 14 hours a day

-up until 2:00 am

-run 2 miles at twilight

-played the violin

2. WHAT PEOPLE WERE MOST INFLUENTIAL IN JEFFERSON'S EDUCATION? (19)

Three Distinguished Friends

* Professor William Small – Mathematics

* Governor Fanquier – Governor of Virginia

* George Wythe – Professor of Law

* Invited Jefferson each week to dine with them

3. DESCRIBE THE EVENT THAT CHANGED JEFFERSON'S LIFE. (20)

The Day that Changed His Life

* In the House of Burgess (legislature)

* 1765

* Patrick Henry Speaking

-Spoke against the Stamp Act

4. WHAT WAS UNUSUAL ABOUT JEFFERSON'S ORAL EXAMINATION TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO THE BAR? (20)

Admitted to the Bar

* Interviewed by the most learned

* He knew More than They!

5. DESCRIBE THOMAS JEFFERSON'S EFFORTS TO GET MARRIED. (21)

Jefferson's Marriage

* At 19

-practiced his proposal speech to Belinda Burwell

-couldn't speak it well

-she answered weeks later by marrying his best friend!

* 8 years later

-a friend accompanied him on the harpsichord

-married Martha Wales Skelton

-built her a home - Monticello, VA

6. TELL ABOUT TWO EVENTS THAT HELPED SPREAD THE NAME OF THOMAS JEFFERSON THROUGHOUT AMERICA AND ENGLAND. (22-23)

Jefferson's Library

* 1770 fire burned every book and paper he owned

* 1775 built back to over 1000 books.

* U.S. Government purchased and became the start of the U.S. Library of Congress

Becoming well-known

* a stranger interviews him [overwhelmed at his expertise]

*Wrote "A Summary View of the Rights of British America"

-accused the King of Ignoring the rights of Americans.

-age 31.

7. WHAT KIND OF YEAR WAS 1776 FOR THOMAS JEFFERSON? (24-25)

Elected to Congress

* fateful year of 1776 for America

-lost Canada (was to be the 14th colony!)

-4000 soldiers left Washington's army.

-King George disowned colonies

*Difficult year of 1776 for Jefferson

-Mother died

-wife ill.

-migraine headaches.

Biggest worry

* No state knew how to govern itself.

* Read 6 drafts submitted by others for a Virginia Constitution

-all were defective

* Wrote three himself

-Virginia rejected them all

* Must get rid of slavery

-slavery [each new birth men he proposed to be born free]

-primogeniture [turn over all the property to the oldest son, or closest relative]

-state church [Va's was Anglican church]

-church tax

* Virginia wanted to keep them!