

## Posters for Democracy



Attention, historians! The Thomas Jefferson History Society is giving you a very important task. Your task is to address a problem in America. The problem is that too many Americans don't think about the ideas behind our democratic government.

To address the problem you need to create a poster about the importance of the Declaration of Independence and its key ideas. It requires that the public learn more about these ideas. It also requires that the public learn why these ideas are important today.

Your team of historians will create a poster that teaches others about two points:

1. The important ideas about government shown in the Declaration of Independence.
2. Why these ideas are important to America today.

### Steps

A. Discuss and agree on:

- What are the most important ideas about government in the declaration?
- Why are these ideas important to our lives today?

B. Create a poster to educate others on the two points above. Your poster should:

- Catch people's attention.
- Educate them about the two items above.
- Convince them that the declaration is important.

Everyone in your group should work together. Look at your work through the eyes of a historian:

- Is what we are saying factual? Is it accurate?
- Is our meaning clear? Can anyone who reads our message also understand it?
- Is our poster convincing that the ideas we've chosen are the most important?
- Is our presentation creative?
- Will it catch people's attention? Will they remember it?

C. Prepare to present your poster to others. Each member of your team needs to participate in the presentation. Be prepared to:

- Explain the important ideas your team decided to show in the poster.
- Explain why these ideas are important today.
- Answer questions about your team's decisions and about the way your poster presents the ideas.