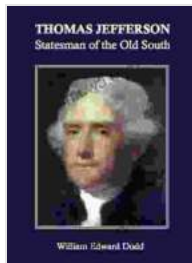


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Thomas Jefferson was one of the most influential figures in American history. As a Founding Father, he helped to draft the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. He also served as the third President of the United States from 1801 to 1809. During his presidency, he oversaw the Louisiana Free Download, which doubled the size of the United States. Jefferson was a brilliant thinker and a skilled politician. He was also a slave owner and a supporter of states' rights. His complex legacy continues to be debated today.

Early Life and Education

Thomas Jefferson was born on April 13, 1743, at Shadwell, his family's plantation in Albemarle County, Virginia. He was the third of ten children. His father, Peter Jefferson, was a prosperous planter and surveyor. His

mother, Jane Randolph Jefferson, was the daughter of a prominent Virginia family. Jefferson received a classical education at home. He studied Latin, Greek, mathematics, and philosophy. He also learned to play the violin and the harpsichord. In 1760, Jefferson entered the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. He graduated two years later with a degree in law.

The Declaration of Independence

After graduating from college, Jefferson returned to Virginia to practice law. He also became involved in politics. In 1774, he was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses. Jefferson was a strong advocate for American independence from Great Britain. In 1776, he helped to draft the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence was a bold declaration of American independence. It stated that all men are created equal and that they have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Declaration of Independence was a major turning point in the American Revolution.

The Constitution

After the American Revolution, Jefferson served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. The Constitutional Convention was held in Philadelphia in 1787. The purpose of the convention was to revise the Articles of Confederation, which was the first constitution of the United States. Jefferson was one of the most influential delegates to the convention. He helped to draft the Constitution, which established a new federal government for the United States. The Constitution was ratified by the states in 1788.

The Presidency

In 1800, Jefferson was elected President of the United States. He defeated the incumbent president, John Adams. Jefferson's presidency was a time of great change for the United States. He oversaw the Louisiana Free Download, which doubled the size of the country. He also reduced the size of the federal government and promoted the growth of the American economy. Jefferson's presidency was also marked by the War of 1812. The War of 1812 was a conflict between the United States and Great Britain. The war ended in a stalemate, but it helped to strengthen American national identity.

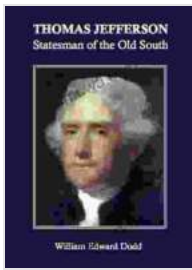
Later Life and Legacy

After his presidency, Jefferson retired to his plantation, Monticello. He continued to be active in politics and public affairs. He also founded the University of Virginia. Jefferson died on July 4, 1826, at the age of 83. He is buried at Monticello.

Thomas Jefferson was one of the most important figures in American history. He was a Founding Father, a President, and a statesman. He also made significant contributions to American thought and culture. Jefferson's legacy continues to be debated today, but there is no doubt that he was one of the most influential Americans who ever lived.

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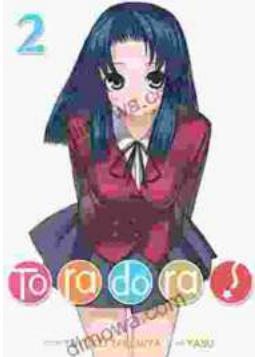


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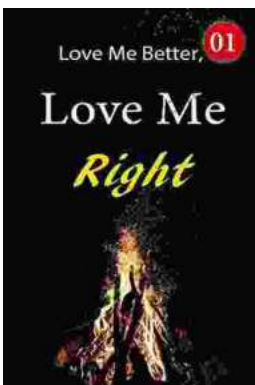
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