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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/220/2021_2022__E5_A4_A7_E5_AD_A6_E8_8B_B1_E8_c67_220042.htm TEXT Jefferson died long ago, but many of his ideas still of great interest to us. Lessons from Jefferson Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States, may be less famous than George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, but most people remember at least one fact about him: he wrote the Declaration of Independence. Although Jefferson lived more than 200 years ago, there is much that we learn from him today. Many of his ideas are especially interesting to modern youth. Here are some of the things he said and wrote: Go and see. Jefferson believed that a free man obtains knowledge from many sources besides books and that personal investigation is important. When still a young man, he was appointed to a committee to find out whether the South Branch of the James River was deep enough to be used by large boats. While the other members of the committee sat in the state capitol and studied papers on the subject, Jefferson got into a canoe and made on-the-spot-observations. You can learn from everyone. By birth and by education Jefferson belonged to the highest social class. Yet, in a day when few noble persons ever spoke to those of humble origins except to give an order, Jefferson went out of his way to talk with gardeners, servants, and waiters. Jefferson once said to the French nobleman, Lafayette, "You must go into the people's homes as I have done, look into their cooking pots and eat their bread. If you will only do this, you may find out why people are dissatisfied and

understand the revolution that is threatening France." Judge for yourself. Jefferson refused to accept other peoples opinions without careful thought. "Neither believe nor reject anything," he wrote to his nephew, "because any other person has rejected or believed it. Heaved has given you a mind for judging truth and error. Use it." Jefferson felt that the people "may safely be trusted to hear everything true and false, and to form a correct judgment. Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." Do what you believe is right. In a free country there will always be conflicting ideas, and this is a source of strength. It is conflict and not unquestioning agreement that keeps freedom alive. Though Jefferson was for many years the object of strong criticism, he never answered his critics. He expressed his philosophy in letters to a friend, "There are two sides to every question. If you take one side with decision and on it with effect, those who take the other side will of course resent your actions." Trust the future. trust the young. Jefferson felt that the present should never be chained to customs which have lost their usefulness. "No society," he said, "can make a perpetual constitution, or even a perpetual law. The earth belongs to the living generation." He did not fear new ideas, nor did he fear the future. "How much pain," he remarked, "has been caused by evils which have never happened! I expect the best, not the worst. I steer my ship with hope, leaving fear behind." Jeffersons courage and idealism were based on knowledge. He probably knew more than any other man of his age.

He was an expert in agriculture, archeology, and medicine. He practiced crop rotation and soil conservation a century before these became standard practice, and he invented a plow superior to any other in existence. He influenced architecture throughout America, and he was constantly producing devices for making the tasks of ordinary life easier to perform. Of all Jeffersons many talents, one is central. He was above all a good and tireless writer. His complete works, now being published for the first time, will fill more than fifty volumes. His talent as an author was soon discovered, and when the time came to write the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia in 1776, the task of writing it was his. Millions have thrilled to his words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..." When Jefferson died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of American independence, he left his countrymen a rich legacy of ideas and examples. American education owes a great debt to Thomas Jefferson, Who believed that only a nation of educated people could remain free.

NEW WORDS

declaration n. document containing an open public announcement 宣言
independence n. freedom from the control of others 独立
obtain vt. get through effort 获得
source n. place from which sth. comes. place where a river starts (来) 源 ; 源头
personal a. done in person. belonging to a person 亲自的 ; 个人的
investigation n. detailed or careful examination 调查
investigate vt. appoint vt. put (sb.) in a position 任命
appointment n. committee n. a group of people chosen for special duties 委员会
capitol n. (美国) 州议会大厦
canoe n. light boat moved by a paddle 独木舟
on-the-spot a. at the place of the action

现场的humblea. low in position 地位低下的originn. parentage. birth. beginning 血统；出身；起源gardenern. person who works in a garden either for pay or as a hobby 园丁waitern. person who serves food to the tables in a restaurant (男) 侍者noblemann. 贵族dissatisfyvt. hang over dangerously. utter a threat against 使不满threatenvt. hang over dangerously. utter a threat against 威胁threatn.rejectvt. refuse to take, believe, use of consider 拒绝rejectionn.nephewn. the son of ones brother or sistererrorn. mistake. sth. done wronglyfalsea. not true or correctjudgmentn. opinion 判断，看法hesitatevi. feel doubtful. be undecided 犹豫，迟疑不决hesitationn.prefervt. like better. choose (one thing) rather than (another) 更喜欢；宁愿preferencen.lattera. nearer to the end 后面的；后半的n. the second of two persons or things just spoken of 后者conflictn. be opposed. clash 冲突n. disagreement. clash. fightunquestioning a. given or done without question or doubt agreementn. having the same opinion(s). thinking in the same way 同意；一致的criticismn. unfavourable remarks of judgments 批评critic n. person who makes judgments about the good and bad qualities of sth.. person who points out mistakes 评论家；批评者criticizevt.philosophyn. 哲学 resentvt. feel angry or bitter at 对... 忿恨.对...不满action n. the process of doing things. sth. done 行动过程；行动customn. 习惯,风俗perpetuala. never-ending. going on for a long time or without stopping 永恒的.连续不断的constitutionn. 宪法.章程livinga. alive now 活(着)的remarkvt. say. comment 说.评论说n. 话语.评论eviln. sth. bad. sin 邪恶,罪恶a. very bad 邪恶的,坏的idealismn. 理想主义.唯心主义

arch(a)eologyn. study of ancient things, esp. remains of prehistoric times 考古学rotationn. 轮作.旋转 rotate v.conservatiionn. protecting from loss of from being used up 保护.保存
conservevt.superiora. good or better in quality or value 较好的.优越的superiorityn.existencen. the state of existing 存在influencevt. have an effect on 影响architecturen. art and science of building 建筑术. 建筑学constantlyad. continuously. frequently 不断地.经常地constantv. performvt. do, carry out 做,履行talentn. special natural ability 才能,天资centrala. chief. main. most important 主要的tireless a. never or rarely getting tiredwritern. a person who writes esp. as a way of earning money 作家publishvt. have (a book, etc.) printed and put on sale 出版volumen. book, esp. one of a set of books 卷.册thrillvi. have a very exciting feeling 非常激动self-evidenta. clear without proof 不言而喻的createvt. make (sth. that has not been made before) 创造creationn. anniversaryn. the yearly return of a special date 周年纪念日countryman n. a person from ones own country 同胞legacy n. sth. that one person leaves to another when he dies 遗产owe vt. 欠(债等).应把...归功于debt n. something owed to someone else 债(务)educatevt. train. teach how to read, write, think, etc.PHRASES & EXPRESSIONS
Go out of ones way (to do sth.)take particular trouble. make a special effort 特地leave...to leave sb. in charge of 交托,委托act on act according to 按照...行事leave behindabandon. fall to take or bring 丢弃.留下,忘带in existenceexisting 存在above allmost important of all 首先,尤其是
PROPER NAMESBruce Bilven布鲁斯.布利文Thomas Jefferson 托马斯.杰斐逊George Washington乔治.华盛顿Abraham Lincoln

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