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Thomas Jefferson, author of the American Declaration of Independence and the third U.S. president, was born on April 13, 1743, at the Shadwell plantation located just outside of Charlottesville, Virginia -- near the western edge of Great Britain's American Empire.

Jefferson was born into one of the most _____Adjective_____ families of Virginia's planter elite. His mother, Jane Randolph Jefferson, was a member of the _____Adjective_____ Randolph clan, a family that claimed _____Noun Plural_____ from English and Scottish royalty. His father, Peter Jefferson, was a successful farmer as well as a skilled surveyor and cartographer who produced the first _____Adjective_____ map of the Province of Virginia. The young Jefferson was the third born of _____Number_____ siblings.

As a boy, Thomas Jefferson's favorite pastimes were playing with the _____Noun Plural_____, practicing the violin and _____Verb Present ends in ING_____. He began his formal education at the age of nine, studying Latin and _____Noun Plural_____ at a local private school run by the Reverend William Douglas. In 1757, at the age of 14, he took up study of _____Adjective_____ _____Noun Plural_____ as well as literature and mathematics with the Reverend James Maury.

In 1760, having learned all he could from Maury, Jefferson left home to attend the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg . Although it was the second oldest college in America (after only Harvard), William and Mary was

not at that time an especially _____Adjective_____ academic institution. Jefferson was dismayed to discover that his classmates expended their energies _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ on _____Noun Plural_____, playing cards and _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ _____Noun Plural_____ rather than studying. Nevertheless, the serious and precocious Jefferson fell in with a circle of _____Adjective_____ scholars that included Professor William Small, Lieutenant Governor Francis Fauquier and lawyer George Wythe, and it was from them that he received his first _____Noun_____.

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