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Thomas Jefferson (April 13 [O.S. April 2], 1743 – July 4, 1826) was an American Founding Father and  
the third president of the United States from 1801 to 1809. He was the primary author of the  
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