

PUTTING THOMAS JEFFERSON INTO PERSPECTIVE:

As you're analyzing the following images, keep in mind Jefferson's membership of one of Virginia's wealthiest families

Ask yourself: what you can tell about him from the way his house looks on the outside, where it's located and how it's decorated?

What does it take to maintain this inheritance and lifestyle?



- Born April 13, 1743 in colonial Virginia
- His father, Peter Jefferson, was a successful planter and surveyor and his mother, Jane Randolph, was a member of one of Virginia's most distinguished families.

Painting by John Trumbull, classroom.monticello.org



Jefferson inherited a considerable estate from his father, and began building Monticello when he was twenty-six years old.

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1. View of the West Front of Monticello and Garden by Jane Braddick Peticolas; classroom.monticello.org
2. View of the garden; classroom.monticello.org







Monticello's Tea Room; photo by Prof. Dave Luebke at the University of Virginia; classroom.monticello.org



When he first inherited his plantation tobacco was the main crop growing. By 1790, Jefferson was transitioning to growing wheat which is less detrimental on soil.