

The Most Powerful Tool (Definition Sheet)

Letter 1: Thomas Jefferson to John Adams (Monticello, August 1, 1814)

Bigotry - someone who regards others with hatred

Morbid - unpleasant

Buoyant - able to rise to the top

Antidotes - something that prevents

Barbarism - extreme cruelty

Letter 2: Thomas Jefferson to Charles Yancey (Monticello, January 6, 1816)

Civilisation - organized society

Functionaries - officials

Propensities - tendency to behave a certain way

Liberty - state of being free

Constituents - voter

Deposit - sum of something stored for safekeeping

Letter 3: Thomas Jefferson to Edward Carrington (Paris, January 16, 1787)

Cherish - protect

Enlightening - teach

Inattentive - not paying attention

Public - people

Assemblies - group of people gathered

Letter 4: Thomas Jefferson to John Wyche (Monticello, May 19, 1809)

Guardians - defender

Instruments - tools