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Dreams are today's answers to tomorrow's questions.
– Edgar Cayce

Web Sites

Thomas Jefferson Day

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Thomas Jefferson Day celebrates the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, who was the third President of the United States from 1801 to 1809, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, and one of the most influential Founding Fathers for his promotion of the ideals of Republicanism in the United States. Major events during his presidency include the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

As a political philosopher, Jefferson was a man of the Enlightenment and knew many intellectual leaders in Britain and France. He idealized the independent yeoman farmer as exemplar of republican virtues, distrusted cities and financiers, and favoured states' rights and a strictly limited federal government. Jefferson also supported the separation of church and state and was the author of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom.

A polymath, Jefferson achieved distinction as, among other things, a horticulturist, statesman, architect, archaeologist, author, inventor and founder of the University of Virginia. When President John F. Kennedy welcomed forty-nine Nobel Prize winners to the White House in 1962 he said, "I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent and of human knowledge that has ever been gathered together at the White House—with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

In his early life Jefferson practiced law and served in the Virginia House of Burgesses. In 1774, he wrote A Summary View of the Rights of British America, which was intended as instructions for the Virginia delegates to a national congress. The pamphlet was a powerful argument of American terms for a settlement with Britain. It helped speed the way to independence, and marked Jefferson as one of the most thoughtful patriot spokesmen.

As the primary author of the Declaration of Independence and a significant

contributor to American political and civil culture, the Continental Congress delegated the task of writing the Declaration to a Committee of Five which unanimously solicited Jefferson to write the first draft, which underwent some alteration, but remained largely Jefferson's work.

Thomas Jefferson

Meet Thomas Jefferson: Founding Father, author of Declaration of Independence, inventor, linguist, and, of course, the third president of the United States. His accomplishments, writings, and legacy are presented.

<http://www.history.org/Media/flash/Jefferson/main.htm>

Library of Congress: Thomas Jefferson Timeline

This detailed timeline describes Thomas Jefferson's life, spanning the colonial period, the American Revolution, and the early Republic. You will also find maps and written documents within this collection.

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/thomas-jefferson-papers/articles-and-essays/the-thomas-jefferson-papers-timeline-1743-to-1827/>

The White House: Presidents: Thomas Jefferson

Short biography of Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States. A color portrait is provided.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/1600/presidents/thomasjefferson>

Hardware/Software

Record your iPhone or iPad's screen

With Yosemite, you can now record whatever happens on the screen of your iPhone, iPad or iPod touch, which isn't just useful for developers to show off the apps and games they build, but can also be great for things like creating little tutorials or even just recording a bug so you can help a developer or a company fix it.

To use this feature, you just connect your iOS device up to your Mac using its cable, then launch QuickTime Player. Then choose New Movie Recording from the File menu and then, if it's not already selected for you, choose your connected iOS device as the 'camera' source from the drop-down menu next to the record button. Choose whether you want to record sound (either from a built-in or external mic, or the audio the iOS device itself is producing) from the same menu, then click the record icon. Once you're done, you can trim the clip (⌘T) and then easily share it to, for example, YouTube.

Hints/Tips

Adjust the volume in smaller increments

When you use the volume up and down keys on your Mac's keyboard, the difference between one tap and the next can actually be pretty big – especially if you're driving some meaty external speakers. Hold down \mathcal{N} and $\hat{\cup}$ as you tap those keys, though, and the increments become much smaller.

And here's a bonus tip: if the audible feedback when you change the volume annoys you, you can turn it off in the Sound section of System Preferences, but, and here's the clever bit, you can temporarily toggle it back on by holding $\hat{\cup}$ when you change the volume – handy when you're not sure whether your Mac isn't making a noise because the system output is configured incorrectly or because the app you're trying to use is at fault.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

What's pink, has five toes, and is carried by the Easter Bunny?

A lucky people's foot!

Kid 1: What's the difference between the Easter rabbit and a mattababy?

Kid 2: What's a mattababy?

Kid 1: Nothing. What's the matter with you?

Why did the Easter Egg hide?

He was a little chicken

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on April 14:

1920 John Paul Stevens Supreme Court Justice

1925 Rod Steiger West Hampton NY, actor (Illustrated Man, Pawnbroker, Chosen)

1935 Loretta Lynn Butcher's Hollow KY, country singer (Coal Miner's Daughter)

1941 Julie Christie Assam India, actress (Dr Zhivago)

1941 Pete Rose Cincinnati OH, baseball player/manager (Cincinnati Reds, Charlie hustle, most hits in majors)

1941 Ryan O'Neal actor (Love Story, Paper Moon)

1945 Steve Martin Waco TX, writer/actor (Jerk, Housesitter)

1977 Sarah Michelle Gellar actress (Kendall–All My Children, Buffy)

On this day:

1614 Pocahontas, daughter of chief Powhatan, marries planter John Rolfe

1777 New York adopts new constitution as an independent state
1814 Napoleon abdicated & was banished to Elba
1818 US Medical Corp forms
1836 Congress forms Territory of Wisconsin
1853 Harriet Tubman began her Underground Railroad, helping slaves escape
1859 Charles Dickens' "A Tale Of Two Cities" published
1861 Robert E Lee resigns from Union army
1865 President Abraham Lincoln shot in Ford's Theatre by John Wilkes Booth
1910 President William Howard Taft begins tradition of throwing out ball on opening day
1939 John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" published
1948 NYC subway fares jump from 5¢ to 10¢
1955 Elston Howard becomes the 1st black to wear the Yankee uniform
1967 In the Vietnam War, US planes bomb Haiphong for 1st time
1971 Supreme Court upheld busing as means of achieving racial desegregation
1973 Acting FBI director L Patrick Gray resigns after admitting he destroyed evidence in the Watergate scandal
1983 President Ronald Reagan signs \$165 billion Social Security rescue
1989 In the Iran-Contra trial, Oliver North's case goes to the jury
1992 Court throws out Apple's lawsuit against Microsoft

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