



Student Activity

Virginia's Founding Fathers: Washington, Jefferson & Madison **Drive Thru History/American History**

Vocabulary:

rustification, piazza, cupola, indentured servants, dumb waiter, epithet, Monticello, Montpelier, Mount Vernon

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

What Presidential estates were developed in the early years of the Republic?

Do these estates still exist today? What kind of condition are they in?

Do you think that Americans should support the restoration of Presidential estates? Why, or why not?

How did landowners like Jefferson, Washington, and Madison support their estates? Who worked the land when they were away on government business?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

How did the lives of indentured servants differ from the lives of slaves? Why did indentured servants stage Bacon's Rebellion?

What architectural features draw attention at Monticello and Mount Vernon?

How did Monticello express the unique personality and concerns of Thomas Jefferson?

How do details of the restoration of Montpelier reflect the daily lives of the Madisons?

Further Activities:

Visit the website dedicated to the restoration of Montpelier. Find further evidence of the topics Dave discusses in this program and ways the general public can assist in the restoration project.

Further investigate the lives of indentured servants in Colonial America.

Trace the abolition of slavery from the Declaration of Independence through issues of slave and free states in the American Civil War.

Find more detailed information about Dolley Madison and the reasons she was such a popular First Lady.