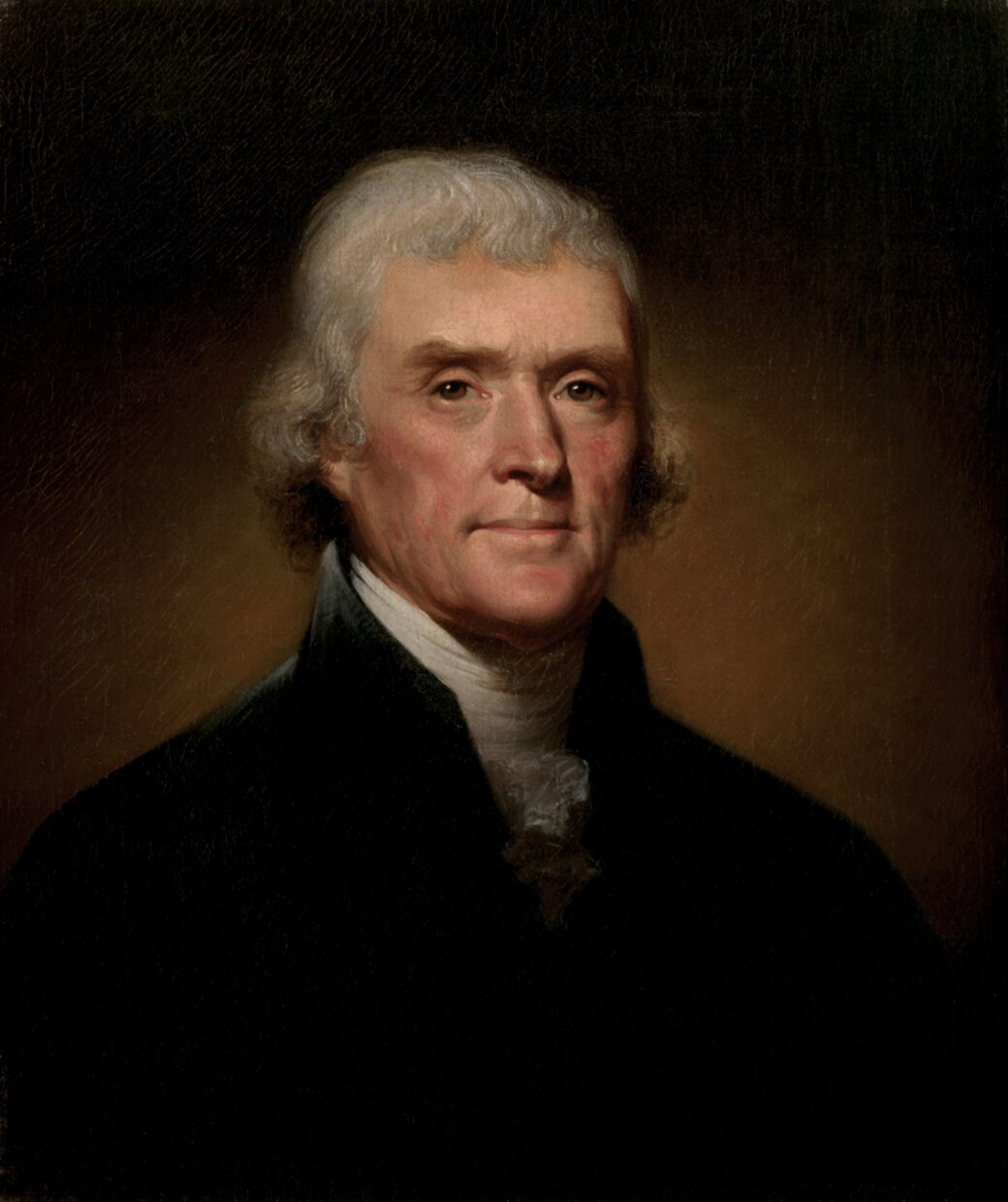
**Citizen Engagement in a Constitutional Republic**

*Directions: Read each short primary source and complete the corresponding questions.*



| **Excerpt from a Thomas Jefferson letter to Joseph C. Cabell, 1816**  “Where every man is a sharer in the direction of his ward-republic…and feels that he is a participator in the government of affairs not merely at an election, one day in the year, but every day…” |
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1. **Rewrite Jefferson’s passage in your own words.**
2. **What does Jefferson imply about the importance of civic engagement?**

| **Excerpt from Noah Webster - *A Citizen of America: An Examination Into the Leading Principles of America*, 1787**  "In the formation of such a government, it is not only the right, but the indispensable duty of every citizen to examine the principles of it, to compare them with the principles of other governments, with a constant eye to our particular situation and circumstances, and thus endeavor to foresee the future operations of our own system, and its effects upon human happiness." |
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1. **Rewrite Webster’s passage in your own words.**
2. **What does Webster imply a good citizen must be able to do in order to fulfill their duty?**
3. **Based on the passages from Jefferson and Webster, what knowledge and skills would be an important element of good citizenship?**