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 Thomas Jefferson was the third president of the United States, and he is known to be the notable figure in the early development of America. He was the one who motivated American colonies to get freedom from the British Rule and succeeded unite the nation. Thomas Jefferson’s opinions about slavery are difficult. He spoke against the slavery practice and struggled to end the slavery practice whereas he owned hundreds of African American Slaves. Although he wrote papers in favor of anti-slavery, he could not free his slaves.

 Despite owning a slave, Jefferson criticized the British Rule for trading Slaves to the American colonies in the 18th century. However, during his leadership in Virginia, Jefferson banned the importation of slaves to Virginia. His written work is considered controversial. He writes in the Notes on Virginia that the rich usurps the power and enslave the powerless people. He further criticizes the social injustices by white people being racial superior.

 Showing his concern about slavery, he writes in the State Constitution of Virginia that societal criticisms oppose the liberation of the slaves and it stops the people from accepting the change (Jefferson, np). It seems that Thomas Jefferson was very interested in the freedom of Slaves while the practical life of the President shows something else. The hypocrisy can be reflected from his life that his own about 400 slaves and his father-in-law was a trader of slaves. This clearly opposes his written work against slavery.

 The Constitution, the Declaration and the Bill of Rights have some clear resemblances. All of these are based on the theme of fundamental rights which will protect the citizens (Jefferson & Shuffelton, np). All of the three documents were supposed to form the Government. It seems that the political leaders of that era were trying to overcome the slavery practices. Therefore, they came up with the idea of fundamental rights. These laws would protect every individual; from discrimination.

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