1. Read “An Honorable Rebellion”. The meaning of Jefferson’s words is hard to understand at first because of the vocabulary and the format of his writing. It will take several readings of the text and a few probing questions to fully understand what Jefferson is saying about Shay’s Rebellion and its important influence on liberty.

2. Look at the 3 words in the “Reader’s Dictionary”. A form of all 3 words are used by Thomas Jefferson in his letter to William S. Smith. Find the use of each word and circle it in the text.

3. What does Jefferson believe was the motive of the farmers who rebelled? Read Jefferson’s 3rd sentence. The motive of Shay’s Rebellion was not wickedness but was founded in ________________________________.
4. Look at the definition of the word “lethargy” again. Read Jefferson’s 6th sentence. It is a long sentence you may need to read it a couple of times. From this sentence, what can we conclude that Jefferson thinks is a greater danger in a republic than rebelling?

5. Jefferson says “Let them take arms.” In his writing, he encourages rebellion. Why does Jefferson think a Republic needs a rebellion from “time to time” to “preserve its liberties”? ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

5. Read “Rebellion Against a Republic” by Samuel Adams.
   The meaning of Adams’s words is very clear.
   How should those who rebel against a king be punished? They should be______________________________.
   How should someone who rebel against the laws of a republic be punished. They should suffer__________________________.

6. What reasoning do you think is behind Adam’s reaction? __________________________________________________________
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7. Look back at the Enlightenment Influence page in your Constitution notebook. Of the 3 philosophers, which do you think had the most influence of Thomas Jefferson? Hobbs, Locke, or Montesquieu, why?
   Name of philosopher that most influenced Thomas Jefferson. = __________________________________________________________
   Why did you pick this philosopher?____________________________________________________________________________
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8. Do you agree with Jefferson’s or Adam’s point of view? Defend your position. On the following line state your opinion about Rebellions in a Republic like the United States and give a reason for your opinion.
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