

VS.6b: The Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom

*The Virginia
Statute
For
Religious
Freedom*

The Virginia Statute
for Religious Freedom was written
by Thomas Jefferson

It states that all people should be
free to worship as they please.

This document was the basis for
the First Amendment to the
United States Constitution.

- **Teaching Tips:** Make a shutter fold. To do this, pinch the paper in the middle where a hamburger crease would be. Then use the pinch as a guide to bring both sides to the middle, making a shutter. Glue the 3 statements about the VA Statute of Religious Freedom to the inside the shutter. Glue the document on top, slicing it in the middle after gluing to allow the shutter to open. Add drawings beside the statements to show additional meaning. Use the photo of Thomas Jefferson to glue on the inside, if desired. Photo credit: Library of Congress. www.loc.gov

