

# Important Virginia Documents

In 1776, Virginians felt that it was important to have a constitution to protect their rights. A man named **George Mason** felt that people's rights were important, so he wrote the **Virginia Declaration of Rights**. It states that all Virginians have many rights including freedom of religion and freedom of press.

**Thomas Jefferson** felt that religious freedom was very important. He decided to do something about it. He wrote the **Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom**. It states that all people should be free to worship as they please.