Suggested Readings on Jefferson

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Burstein, Andrew. The Inner Jefferson (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1995) Excellent portrait of Jefferson’s psyche, stressing the forces which molded his world view.


Ellis, Joseph. American Creation (New York: Vintage Books, 2007) Anything by Ellis is highly rewarding. Here he analyzes the failures of the founders to deal with the problems of slavery and the just treatment of Indians.


Gay, Peter. The Enlightenment (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 1966) This two-volume work is thoroughly researched, very readable, and highly entertaining.


Miller, John Chester.  *The Wolf by the Ears: Thomas Jefferson and Slavery*  (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 1991) Excellent study of Jefferson’s views on slavery, and why he was ultimately unable to solve the problems surrounding America’s “Original Sin.”


