

## **Teacher Page: Resource Sheet #14**

**Source: Monticello: stone house (slave quarters), September 1770, by Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson Papers: An Electronic Archive. Boston, Mass. Massachusetts Historical Society, 2003. <http://www.thomasjeffersonpapers.org>**

### **Document Analysis:**

1. This is a drawing of a slave quarters that existed at Monticello. How is it different than other residences that you have seen for slaves?

**This structure seems more lavish, larger and well built than other cabins at Monticello. There are more windows and seemingly better materials.**

2. It appears that Jefferson made many changes to the design and architecture of the building. Why might that be so?

**Jefferson prides himself on his talents for architecture and creativity. As he did with Monticello, he made many changes to achieve design features and appearance.**

3. What slaves may have been permitted to live in a residence such as this? What might their jobs have been?

**Slaves of privilege, domestic servants, and family members may have lived in a home of this stature. They might have worked directly for the family, cook, kept the house, or taken care of the children.**

4. Does this document lead you to believe that Jefferson was a tough and perhaps ruthless master or kind and generous?

**Based on this source, Jefferson was a kind, generous slave master who provided his slave property with a comfortable lifestyle.**