

F1.2 - ROLE OF INDIVIDUALS IN SHAPING HISTORY

What role do individuals play in shaping history? Explain with examples.

Individuals have played significant roles in shaping U.S. History.

Thomas Jefferson helped in the forming of the Republican party as did Abraham Lincoln. Thomas Jefferson was the third president of the United States and was one of the founders of the Republican party. The Republican party's goals included higher education, banking, railroads, industry and cities, while promising free homesteads to farmers. Most of the party's views were that of the Whig party which Jefferson was a member of. Abraham Lincoln was the Republican party's candidate running for President. He promised to help in the abolishment of slavery. Unlike members of the Democratic party that were for war Lincoln opposed it. In eighteen sixty Lincoln became the first Republican president and helped in the abolishing of slavery which furthered the Republican party's popularity.

Many individuals have played significant roles in shaping history.