

Spiral Questions: Jefferson Medal

I. Description

1. Who is pictured on the front of the medal?
2. In what year was this medal created?
3. What are the crossed items that are pictured at the top on the back of the medal?

II. Interpretation

1. What do the two hands represent on the back of the object?
2. What is the meaning of the objects that are crossed at the top of the back of the object?
3. Who might this object have been made for? What purpose could it have served?

III. Analysis

1. How do you think a stranger to the U.S. government would feel about the government if they had been given one of these medals?
2. Why was a person's image stamped on the front of the medal versus a depiction of the White House, Capitol Building, or other symbol representing the U.S.