

# Lafayette the Soldier

## Video Study Guide

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## Creative Response – Discussion Questions

**Objective:** The student will be able to explain why Lafayette was so important to the Americans during the Revolutionary War.

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This activity may be done as a class, as small groups, or as partners. Alternatively, the questions may be used for written responses.

1. Why did Lafayette want to help the Americans?
2. What adjectives would you use to describe Lafayette? Why?
3. Why did George Washington admire Lafayette?
4. Why do Americans today still admire Lafayette?

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## Creative Response - Diary

**Objective:** The student will display an understanding of the personality and character of Lafayette from the viewpoint of a character in the video.

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Pretend you are one of the following characters:

- George Washington
- King Louis XVI
- Henry (the child)
- An American soldier

Write a diary entry about Lafayette. How did you get to know Lafayette? What kind of man was he? What is your opinion of Lafayette?

**Assessment:** The level of detail and accuracy of the diary entry will demonstrate the student's understanding of the various ways people regarded Lafayette.

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