

# *Lafayette: The Nation's Guest*

Watch these two videos:

- *Follow the Frenchmen – Yorktown*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oz9alvcZZsQ&t=10s>
- *Bell Ringer – Marquis de Lafayette*  
<https://www.c-span.org/classroom/document/?1537>

As a class or in small groups discuss the following questions:

1. Why did Lafayette return to the United States in 1824? What did he do there?
2. Why were Americans so glad to see Lafayette?
3. What were some of the ways communities and individuals greeted him and showed their appreciation?
4. Who are our heroes today? Are they treated the same way that Lafayette was treated?

Now get your creative juices flowing and bring Lafayette to life with one of these projects:

1. Imagine Lafayette will return in 2024. Create a souvenir for the celebration. Suggestions:
  - Design a t-shirt.
  - Design a Pokémon Card with Lafayette as your character.
  - Design a trading card.
  - Design a souvenir plate.
2. Create a skit based on an interview with Lafayette.
3. Create a Lafayette TikTok/Reel/Story
4. Create a diorama depicting one part of Lafayette's life.
5. Create a rap song about the life of Lafayette.