



# Historic Insights



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## The Marquis de Lafayette: A 'Founding Son' of the American Revolution



The Battle of the Brandywine was fought on September 11th, 1777 and was the largest land battle in North America up until the Civil War. The young Marquis de Lafayette fought along with George Washington's troops, putting his life and fortune on the line for our country. Lafayette participated in seven battles of the Revolutionary War and was a major force in helping us gain our independence from Great Britain. His heroism, dedication and support gains him the title of 'Founding Son' of the American Revolution. The lecture covers background on Lafayette, his role in the American Revolution and the historic events in the following decades after the Revolution.

### Lecture outline:

- General Washington could use some assistance
- Lafayette- a young man on a noble quest
- Gold is good- and the army needed it
- The Battle of the Brandywine- September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1777
- A defeat- but also a beginning for two new friends- Washington and Lafayette
- Victories to come- and the man from France becomes a hero in two countries
- Lafayette goes back home- then later returns to see “that great hall of independence”
- Buried with the soil of two republics
- Saving our historic parks- the “Soul of America”.

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