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Abstract
This paper addresses the impressions the Marquis de Lafayette made upon the American people during the American Revolution and his return tour in 1824. As someone who has admired Lafayette since I was young, I was aware of the fact that many locations are named after the general and that he plays a prominent role in the Broadway musical Hamilton. I wanted to study why Lafayette was so popular among American people, and why he has been memorialized in a positive manner. As a promoter of liberty, Lafayette was embraced by the colonists for his stubbornness and willingness to defend the American cause. Despite being unable to carry his ideals of liberty to France, Lafayette was remembered fondly by the American people and welcomed back fifty years after the Revolution to widespread acclaim. Although he was a foreigner, he was hailed as a hero and found eternal remembrance in locations that still carry his name.

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