

GUNS AND SHIPS

Lyrics by Lin Manuel-Miranda

Student Name _____ Hour _____

Using your knowledge of the Battle of Saratoga, the French Alliance, and the Revolutionary War in general, choose six different words or phrases to annotate these song lyrics. In your six annotations, you must showcase your knowledge of the Battle of Saratoga, the French Alliance and the Revolutionary War. Number your word or phrase in the left-hand column. Write the number in the right-hand column and provide a 1–2-sentence explanation of the word or phrase. An example has been provided for you.

“Guns and Ships” Lyrics	Annotations
<p>[BURR⁽¹⁾] How does a ragtag volunteer army in need of a shower Somehow defeat a global superpower? How do we emerge victorious from the quagmire? Leave the battlefield waving Betsy Ross’ flag higher? Yo. Turns out we have a secret weapon! An immigrant you know and love who’s unafraid to step in! He’s constantly confusin’, confoundin’ the British henchmen Ev’ryone give it up for America’s favorite fighting Frenchman!</p> <p>[COMPANY] Lafayette!</p> <p>[LAFAYETTE] I’m takin this horse by the reins makin’ Redcoats redder with bloodstains</p> <p>[COMPANY] Lafayette!</p> <p>[LAFAYETTE] And I’m never gonna stop until I make ‘em Drop and burn ‘em up and scatter their remains, I’m</p> <p>[COMPANY] Lafayette!</p> <p>[LAFAYETTE] Watch me engagin’ em! Escapin’ em! Enragin’ em! I’m—</p> <p>[COMPANY] Lafayette!</p>	<p>⁽¹⁾ Aaron Burr was a Continental Army officer under Washington’s command.</p>

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<p>[LAFAYETTE] I go to France for more funds</p> <p>[COMPANY] Lafayette!</p> <p>[LAFAYETTE] I come back with more</p> <p>[LAFAYETTE AND ENSEMBLE] Guns And ships And so the balance shifts</p> <p>[WASHINGTON] We rendezvous with Rochambeau, consolidate their gifts</p> <p>[LAFAYETTE] We can end this war at Yorktown, cut them off at sea, but For this to succeed, there is someone else we need:</p> <p>[WASHINGTON] I know</p> <p>[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY] Hamilton!</p> <p>[LAFAYETTE] Sir, he knows what to do in a trench Ingenuitive and fluent in French, I mean—</p> <p>[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY] Hamilton!</p> <p>[LAFAYETTE] Sir, you're gonna have to use him eventually What's he gonna do on the bench? I mean—</p> <p>[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY] Hamilton!</p> <p>[LAFAYETTE] No one has more resilience Or matches my practical tactical brilliance—</p>	



