

# GUNS AND SHIPS

Lyrics by Lin Manuel-Miranda

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

**[LAFAYETTE]**

I go to France for more funds

**[COMPANY]**

Lafayette!

**[LAFAYETTE]**

I come back with more

**[LAFAYETTE AND ENSEMBLE]**

Guns

And ships

And so the balance shifts

**[WASHINGTON]**

We rendezvous with Rochambeau, consolidate their gifts

**[LAFAYETTE]**

We can end this war at Yorktown, cut them off at sea, but

For this to succeed, there is someone else we need:

**[WASHINGTON]**

I know

**[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY]**

Hamilton!

**[LAFAYETTE]**

Sir, he knows what to do in a trench

Ingenuitive and fluent in French, I mean—

**[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY]**

Hamilton!

**[LAFAYETTE]**

Sir, you're gonna have to use him eventually

What's he gonna do on the bench? I mean—

**[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY]**

Hamilton!

**[LAFAYETTE]**

No one has more resilience

Or matches my practical tactical brilliance—

**[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY]**

Hamilton!

**[LAFAYETTE]**

You wanna fight for  
your land back?

**[COMPANY]**

Hamilton!

**[WASHINGTON]**

**[WOMEN]**

|   |           |                               |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------|
| I need my right- hand man back!   | Hamilton! |                               |
| <b>[LAFAYETTE]</b>  |           | <b>[MEN]</b>                  |
| Ah! Uh, get ya right hand man back  |           | Get your right hand man back! |
| You know you gotta get ya right hand man back                               |           | Your right hand man back!     |
|   |           | Hamilton!                     |
| I mean you gotta put some thought into the letter but the sooner the better | Hamilton! | Ha—                           |
| To get your right hand man back!  |           | Ha—                           |
|   |           | Hamilton,                     |
|   | Hamilton, | Hamilton!                     |
|   | Hamilton! | Ha— ha—!                      |
|   | Ha— ha—!  |                               |
| <b>[WASHINGTON]</b>   |           |                               |
| Alexander Hamilton  |           |                               |
| Troops are waiting in the field for you                                     |           |                               |
| If you join us right now, together we can turn the tide                     |           |                               |
| Oh, Alexander Hamilton  |           |                               |
| I have soldiers that will yield for you                                     |           |                               |
| If we manage to get this right  |           |                               |
| They'll surrender by early light  |           |                               |
| The world will never be the same, Alexander . . .                           |           |                               |

**SOURCE:** Miranda, L. -M. (2015). *Guns and ships [Liner notes]. In Hamilton [CD].* New York, NY: Atlantic Records. Retrieved from <http://atlanticrecords.com/HamiltonMusic/>