

The Most Important Dates of the Life of LaFayette

- 1757** - Birth of Gilbert (Marie, Joseph, Paul, Yves, Roch) de La Fayette, at Chavaniac, Haut-Loire.
- 1759** – Death of his father, killed in a battle at Miden, in Germany, during the Seven Years War (killed by English fire).
- 1768** – Studies in College du Plessis in Paris (high school)
- 1770** – Death of his mother
- 1774** – Gilbert de La Fayette marries Adrienne, daughter of the Duke of Ayen.
- 1775** – While at a garrison in Metz (eastern France) as an army officer, he hears the plight of the Americans
- 1777** – First voyage to America. First battles. Meets Washington
- 1781** – ~~Contributes to the Yorktown battle victory~~
- 1783** – Witnesses the signing of peace between England and America in Paris declaring America's independence
- 1789** - Elected as the General Chief of the National Guard
- 1790** – Personal triumph during the Feast of the Champs-de-Mars Federation (July 14th)
- 1791** – Nominated by King Louis XVI as the head of the l'Armee de l'Est in Metz.
- 1792** – Taken prisoner by the Austrians (Aug. 19th). Stays five years in prison until 1797.
- 1797-1799** – Exiled to Germany and Holland (Belgium).
- 1799** – Return to France (illegally)
- 1807** – Death of his beloved wife, Adrienne.
- 1815** - Obtains the abdication of Napoleon after the Battle of Waterloo
- 1818** – Elected Deputy of the Sarthe
- 1824** – Lost election in Meaux. Last trip to America
- 1830** – Participant in the July revolution. Helps Louis Philippe to the throne of France.
- 1834** – Death of La Fayette
- 2002** – Receives a posthumous title, one only given to seven people in history, the rank of Honored Citizen of the United States