**The Battle of Yorktown**

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I smell the gun smoke running into my nose. Bullets are flying past me. I was Nathanael Greene? I was a major general during the battle. It did take place in Yorktown, Virginia. Who won the war?

In 1781, Greene led his troops to victory. During the Battle of Yorktown, I was married to Catherine Greene. When I was a major general for a while, I found out that I have fought in at least 11 battles. Before I was a major general, I was in the militia. This is a volunteer army. Now I am ready to go to Yorktown, Virginia!

In Yorktown, Virginia is the last major battle of the revolutionary war happened. There were around seventeen thousand Americans that went Yorktown. There were French soldiers that went with the Americans to the Battle of Yorktown. The battle took place in Yorktown, Virginia. It started in early October in 1781, which was when the first bullets were fired. How did it end?

Did you know that at the end of the war they were playing the drums to the song “The World Turned Upside Down”? Since too many of the British troops were dying and there escape route was blocked, they had to surrender. The war ended on October 27, 1781. So it led to a Victory for the Americans and French.

Now you know a little bit about what Nathanael Greene did before the war and during. Yorktown, Virginia is where the battle took place. The British had to surrender because too many of their troops were dying, and they couldn’t get reinforcements. It led to an American victory!