

V. Extension Activity: You have been commissioned to design a statue honoring Baron von Steuben in your city or town. Your task is to create a proposal for the statue and accompanying plaque that captures what you believe are his most significant achievements and legacy.

Learning Objectives for the Extension Activity:

- apply your knowledge of the historical significance of Baron von Steuben through the process of this case study and your analysis of primary and secondary sources;
- synthesize information to create a meaningful historical commemoration;
- develop skills in historical interpretation and public memory.

A. Create a detailed proposal for a Baron von Steuben statue that includes:

- Purpose: What is the memorial concept and goals for this public commemoration?
- Location: Where would you place this memorial and why?
- Overall Design: Describe the physical appearance (statue, monument, installation, etc.)
- Symbolic Elements: What specific symbols, imagery, or text would you include?

B. Design an informational plaque or panel that would accompany the statue that includes:

- **Essential biographical information**
- **Key achievements** (2-3 most important contributions)
- **Historical impact** (why Baron von Steuben matters to American history)
- **A meaningful quote** about Baron von Steuben

C. Write an explanation of your design choices that includes:

- Why did you select the specific information to highlight?
- How does your design reflect his most important contributions?
- What message about Baron von Steuben would you like visitors to understand?

Additional Baron von Steuben Statues and Monuments in the United States:

1. [Steuben Memorial State Historic Site, Oneida, New York](#)

Located in Steuben, Oneida County, New York, this memorial honors the "Drillmaster of the American Revolution" at the site where Baron von Steuben was buried in 1804.

2. [Baron von Steuben Statue, Utica, New York](#)

A monument commissioned in 1921 by the Steuben Society was created by sculptor J. Otto Schweizer, inscribed as "MAJOR GENERAL FRIEDRICH WILHELM BARON VON STEUBEN" and "ORGANIZER OF THE AMERICAN ARMY"

3. [Valley Forge National Historical Park, Pennsylvania](#)

A statue overlooking the Grand Parade at Valley Forge commemorates von Steuben's contributions to training the Continental Army during the winter of 1777-1778. The monument was moved to its current location along Route 23 on September 10, 1979.

4. [Von Steuben Statue, Wisconsin](#)

The Steuben Monument is located in Washington Park at the intersection of West Lisbon Avenue, Lloyd Street, and North Sherman Boulevard, showing Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben in his Revolutionary War uniform.