

Social Studies 10-2

2.5 Critical Challenge Exemplar

Read one of the following accounts:

- Champlain Introduces Firearms to Native Warfare (1100 words, reading level grade 10)
- **Micmac Chief Addresses the French (1000 words, reading level grade 9)**
- A Slave Addresses His Former Master (540 words, reading level grade 8)

Part Two

Dear Chief of the Micmacs:

You do not understand that the French are a rich nation trying to give assistance to the Micmac people. You do not understand that we are trying to improve your lives by giving you some technology and riches. Although we are trying to help make your lives better still you have the nerve to say WE are the sad and poor nation?

WE have medicine, rules, clothes, bread and wine. YOU do not have proper medicines to save your lives when you get sick, but WE do. YOU have to work night and day to get enough food for your families while WE have our homes stocked with food. YOU do not have rules and law and order, but WE do. YOUR country is poor and not built yet and WE can give you the assistance you need to build your country. YOU have to endure the harsh winters and the hot summers without a proper home or clothes. WE have lovely huge houses and closets full of clothes back in our country. YOU think you are happy but you are not.

You do make some good points though. Your people are generally healthier and stronger than the French. And while you might seem uncivilized and without government to us, we can see that you have have found a way to survive and get along in your own way. You understand the climate and the uses of your plants and animals. If we had not run into you when we got here, we would probably have died of diseases or starvation or frozen to death. We wouldn't have been able to survive the winter. So let's agree that both of our nations have some strengths and weaknesses and learn from one another.