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IPERSPECTIVE

FRENCHMAN: Jacques Gladieux

Your name is Jacques Gladieux and you are a French fur trader living in New France in 1753. You have lived in New France for six years and have a lucrative business trading with the Native Americans. The natives trap animals such as beavers and foxes for their valuable fur. You then trade with the Natives, exchanging the furs for European goods such as iron pots and steel sewing needles. The Native American tribes in this region do not have the technology to make steel and iron products, so they are very eager to trade with you.

After six years in New France, you have made a comfortable life for yourself. You married a Native American woman named Onahtah, from the Iroquois tribe. She has been teaching you her language and has helped you communicate better with her people. You have made a lot of money living in New France and enjoy your life here.

However, things have started to change recently. English colonists from along the eastern coast have started moving into the Ohio Valley, where you do most of your trading. Some of them have started trapping the same animals that you buy from the Native Americans, which is upsetting the Native Americans. Other English colonists are cutting down the forest to build farms, which is reducing the amount of animals nearby, as well as taking land away that Native Americans have called home for hundreds of years. The English have no right to the land and their moving here is starting to negatively impact your financial well-being.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Describe how Jacques makes his living. What does he rely on for income?
- How does he feel about the Native Americans and why?
- How does he feel about the English colonists who are moving into the Ohio Valley and why?
- What should Jacques do next?