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# IPERSPECTIVE

*NATIVE AMERICAN: Guyasuta*

The year is 1753. You and your family have lived in North America for generations, making a happy life living off the land. However, over the past years, things have started to change. You have seen an influx of Europeans, particularly colonists from France and England, moving onto the land that you and your tribe occupy. While you are not incredibly fond of the increasing population, you have found that the Frenchmen who have moved into the area do offer an advantage to you. They are eager to trade for the furs you make out of the animals you are skilled at capturing. The French provide you with tools and other items made of iron (many of which you've never seen before) in exchange for your furs.

Lately, you have encountered more and more Englishmen, who seem to be pouring onto nearby land and view you as "savage." While they are also interested in trading for your furs at times, you've heard many stories of how the English are cruel to Native Americans and that they often try and cheat your people out of the land so that they can build their own homes. Also, you've heard that there is major tension growing between the English and the French. It seems they all want to claim the land in the Ohio Valley as their own, even though this is land that your people have lived on for centuries. There are rumors that a war between the English and the French is sure to take place soon.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What is your main goal when dealing with Europeans? What benefits can you gain from the French and English? What problems might they present you with?
- How do you feel about being viewed as "savage?"
- What do you think of the rumors of a war between the English and the French? How would you feel if this actually happened? How might a war between the French and English benefit you? How might it endanger you?
- What do you feel you should do based on the pending situation between the French and English?