



**Directions:** After reading the background information and examining the source, answer the questions below.

**Background Information:** *Daniel Williams Harmon (1778-1843) worked in the fur trade for the Northwest Company between 1800-1821. The following excerpt his personal journal which he published in 1820.*

**Featured Source:**

This day a **Canadians** Daughter (a girl of about fourteen years of age) was offered me, and after mature consideration concerning the step I ought to take I finally concluded it would be best to accept of her... it is **customary** for all the Gentlemen who come in this Country to remain any length of time to have a **fair** partner, with whom they can pass away their time at least more sociably if not more agreeably than to live a lonely, **solitary** life as they must do if single.

In case we can live in harmony together, my intentions are now to keep her as long as I remain in this uncivilized part of the world, but when I return to my **native land** shall **endeavour** to place her into the hands of some good honest man, with whom she can pass the remainder of her days in this country much more agreeably, than it would be possible for her to do, were she to be taken down into the civilized world, where she would be a stranger to the people, their manners, customs & language.

Her Mother is of the Tribe of the Snare Indians, whose Country lies about the Rocky Mountain. The Girl is said to be of a **mild disposition & even tempered**, which are qualities very necessary to make an agreeable woman and an **affectionate** partner."

**Source:** Harmon, Daniel Williams (October 10, 1805)

**Canadians:** *Metis*  
**Customary:** *Traditional or common practice*  
**Fair:** *Attractive*  
**Solitary:** *lonely/isolated*

**Native Land:** *The country in which one was born*  
**Endeavor:** *attempt*

**Mild:** *gentle*  
**Disposition:** *Character/personality*  
**Even Tempered:** *Calm/composed*  
**Affectionate:** *Loving / Warm-hearted*

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**Your Task:** Examine the conclusions below and return to the text. Which conclusion is best supported by the source?

Conclusions	
Person 1:	Harmon's letter reveals the significant integration and mixing of European and Indigenous communities that occurred alongside the economic activities of the fur trade.
Person 2	Harmon's letter reveals the paternalistic [controlling] and misogynistic[sexist] attitudes of European traders who saw Indigenous women not as equals but as objects to be cared for, managed, or discarded.

**Multiple Choice:** Which conclusions is most justified?

- a) Person 1's conclusion is most justified
- b) Person 2's conclusion is most justified
- c) Both Person 1 and Person 2's conclusions are equally justified
- d) Neither conclusion is justified

**Short Answer Response:** Explain your reasoning below.