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

**Background information:** *Samuel de Champlain was a French explorer who played a significant role in the early exploration and colonization of Canada. He founded the city of Quebec in 1608 and established enduring French influence in the region. In 1609, Samuel de Champlain joined Algonquin, Wendat (Huron) and Innu (Montagnais) allies in a battle against the Iroquois near Ticonderoga.*

### Featured Source:

As soon as we had landed, they [The Huron] began to run for some two hundred **paces** towards their enemies, who stood firmly, not having as yet noticed my companions, who went into the woods...

**Paces:** Steps

Our men began to call me with loud cries; and, in order to give me a passage-way, they opened in two parts, and put me at their head, where I marched some twenty paces in advance of the rest, until I was within about thirty paces of the enemy, who at once noticed me, and, **halting**, gazed at me, as I did also at them. When I saw them making a move to fire at us, I rested my **musket** against my cheek, and aimed directly at one of the three chiefs. With the same shot, two fell to the ground; and one of their 3 men was so wounded that he died some time after. I had loaded my musket with four balls.

**Halting:** coming to a stop / Pausing

**Musket:** A type of long-barrelled fire-arm or gun

When our side saw this shot so favorable for them, they began to raise such loud cries that one could not have heard it thunder. Meanwhile, the arrows flew on both sides. The Iroquois were greatly **astonished** that two men had been so quickly killed, although they were equipped with armor woven from cotton thread, and with wood which was proof against their arrows. This caused great **alarm** among them. As I was loading again, one of my companions fired a shot from the woods, which astonished them anew to such a degree that, seeing their chiefs dead, they lost courage and **took to flight**, abandoning their camp and fort, and fleeing into the woods, whither I pursued them, killing still more of them.

**Astonish:** Greatly surprise

**Alarm:** A state of heightened alertness or fear caused by a sudden unexpected event

**Took to flight:** Flee / Run Away

**Source:** Samuel de Champlain, *Voyages of Samuel de Champlain (1613)*

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**Your Task:** Two people have read the above source and have come to the following conclusions or inferences. Which person's inference is most plausible?

Alternative Inferences	
Person 1:	Champlain was a clever military strategist who was able to make smart decisions in high pressure situations.
Person 2	The firearms used by Europeans in conflict were critically important in victories over the Iroquois.

**Multiple Choice:** Which inference is most plausible?

- a) Person 1's inference is most plausible
- b) Person 2's inference is most plausible
- c) Both Person 1 and Person 2's inferences are equally plausible
- d) Neither meaning is plausible

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