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

Background Information: The Seven Years War

The Seven Years War took place between 1756-1763 and represented the first global conflict, fought on multiple continents. The French and British forces in North America, based by New France and the Thirteen colonies respectively, clashed over territorial dominance and influence in the area. The colony of New France was lead by its governor Marquis de Vaudreuil, and its intendent, Francois Bigot. The Lieutenant General of the French military force was Marquis de Montcalm.

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"My **antagonist** has wisely shut himself up in **inaccessible entrenchments**, so that I can't get at him without spilling a **torrent** of blood, and that perhaps to little purpose. The Marquis de Montcalm is at the head of a great number of bad soldiers, and I am at the head of a small number of good ones, that wish for nothing so much as to fight him – but the **wary** old fellow avoids an action doubtful of the behaviour of his army. People must be of the profession to understand the disadvantages and difficulties we labour under arising from the uncommon natural strength of the country."

Source: Wolfe, James (1759) Letter to his Mother

Antagonist: Rival / Enemy

Inaccessible: Unreachable

Entrenchments: Defences / Fortifications

Torrent: Flood

Wary: Cautious

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Your Task: Examine the inferences below and return to the text. Which inference is best supported by the source?

Alternative Inferences	
Person 1:	General Wolfe wishes to convey to the reader the many strategic and geographical challenges that made it difficult for the British to take Quebec.
Person 2	General Wolfe dislikes and has little respect for Montcalm and believes Montcalm's strategy is cowardly and weak.

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.