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

Background Information: “*La Chanson de la Grenouillère*” was written by Metis fur trader and pioneer Pierre Falcon shortly after the Metis victory at the Battle of Seven Oaks in 1816.

Featured Source:

Come, listen to this song of truth,
A song of brave **Bois Brules'**,
Who at Frog Plain took three captives,
Strangers come to rob our country.
Where **dismounting** there to **'rest** us,
A cry is raised, “The English!
They are coming to attack us.”
So we **hasten forth** to meet them.
I looked upon their army,
They are motionless and **downcast**;
So, as honour would **incline us**,
We desire with them to **parley**.
But their leader, moved with anger,
Gives the word to fire upon us;
And **imperiously** repeats it,
Rushing on to his destruction.
Having seen us pass his stronghold,
He has thought to strike with terror
The Bois Brules' — Ah! mistaken,
Many of his soldiers perish.
But a few escaped the slaughter,
Rushing from the field of battle;
Oh, to see the English fleeing!
Oh, the shouts of their pursuers!
Who has sung this song of triumph?
The good Pierre Falcon has composed it,
That his praise of these Bois Brules'
Might be evermore recorded.

Bois Brules': Metis

Dismounting: Coming down

'Rest: Arrest

Hasten Forth: Hurry out

Downcast: Discouraged

Incline us: Encourage us

Parley: Discuss

Imperiously: Commandingly

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Question 1: Why might this source be useful as evidence of what happened during the Battle of Seven Oaks?

This source is useful because...

Question 2: What about this source might make it less useful as evidence of what happened during the Battle of Seven Oaks?

This source is less useful because...