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

**Background Information:** ❶ Joseph Howe was born on December 13, 1804 and died on June 1<sup>st</sup> 1873. Throughout his life he worked and served journalist, publisher, and politician, eventually premier and lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia. ❷ He grew up in relatively poor circumstances and was largely self-taught. He was particularly close with his father. ❸ He was known for his strong stands in support of responsible government, free speech, and freedom of the press. ❹ While he opposed Confederation during the Confederation debates of the 1860s, however he ultimately argued in favor of Confederation and was instrumental in bring Manitoba into Confederation in 1870. ❺ The letter below was published anonymously, but Howe had a distinctive writing style and another Halifax-based newspaper, the Evening Express published an article on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1865 suggesting that Howe was behind the anonymous articles.

**Featured Source:**

“Ever since the Union of the two Provinces, the French Canadians, by sticking together, have controlled the Legislation and the Government of Canada. They will do the same thing in a larger union, and, as the English will split and divide, as they always do, the French members will, in nine cases out of ten, be masters of the situation.”

**Source:** Anonymous. Botheration Letter No.2, *Morning Chronicle*, Fri. Jan. 13, 1865.

**Multiple Choice:** What part of the background information might lead you to question the source’s reliability as evidence regarding Joseph Howe’s opinion about Confederation?

- a) Section 1
- b) Section 2
- c) Section 3
- d) Section 4
- e) Section 5

**Explain your reasoning below:**