



**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 fought to establish dominance in the region, with the English ultimately triumphing in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham. The governor of New France Marquis de Vaudreuil and its military commander Louis-Joseph Montcalm clashed in their approaches to the defending of the colony.*

**Featured Source:**

**Featured Source A:**

“I cannot tell you enough how grieved [saddened] I am at your wounds; I would like to think that you will heal in a short time, and that you are mindful that no one is more concerned than myself that that be the case, given my affection for you at all times...I here enclose Monsieur, the letter I have written in this regard to Monsieur de Ramezay [commander of the Quebec troop garrison] with the instructions I am giving him, concerning the terms of surrender that he must ask of the enemy. You will see that they are the same that we agreed upon together. Have the goodness to transmit them to him once you have read them; spare yourself, I pray you, think only of your recovery.”

**Source:** Marquis de Vaudreuil, Letter to Montcalm on September 13, 1759.

**Featured Source B:**

“From the moment Monsieur de Montcalm arrived in this colony until his death, he never ceased [stopped] to sacrifice everything to his overweening [arrogant] ambition. He sowed ill-feeling among the troops, tolerated the most indecent [offensive] outbursts against governments, consorted [kept company] with the worst individuals, conspired [plotted] to corrupt the most virtuous [good people], whose cruel enemy he became when he could not succeed. He wanted to become governor general...He showered with favours [gifts] those officers, in particular who embraced his ideas, and promised them protection...he defamed [insulted] honest people... his eyes to the soldiers’ pillage [looting], which he tolerated to the point of seeing them all sell off the foodstuffs for animals that they had stolen from the farmer.

I deeply regret Monseigneur, having to paint you such a portrait of Monsieur le Marquis de Montcalm. While its truth is indisputable [undeniable], I would have desisted [stopped] had it only been a question of his personal hatred for me; but the loss of Quebe is too sensitive a matter for me to hide the cause, which is widely and publicly known.

**Source:** Marquis de Vaudreuil (October 30, 1759) Letter to Marshal de Belle-Isle, French Minister of War

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**Multiple Choice:** What best describes the relationship between the two featured sources in relation to the relationship between Marquis de Vaudreuil and Louis-Joseph de Montcalm

- a) The sources are contradictory
- b) The sources are contrary
- c) The sources are complimentary
- d) The sources are corroborating

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

**Short Answer Response:** Which source provides more stronger evidence regarding how Marquis de Vaudreuil felt towards Louis-Joseph de Montcalm?