

The Last of the Mohicans

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What does Hawkeye reveal by asserting his identity while admitting his own people's wrongdoing?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Hawkeye qualifies racial pride
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Chapter III
START	I am not a prejudiced man
END	my people have many ways, of which, as an honest man, I can't approve.
PASSAGE ID	sec-lm-01

THE MOVE

Read self-description that contains its own criticism

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Hawkeye identifies strongly with his own people but interrupts that pride with criticism of their conduct. The self-description becomes credible because belonging does not prevent moral judgment.

MARK

Underline Hawkeye's statements of identity or loyalty. Circle the admissions of wrongdoing by his own people. Star the sentence where pride and criticism appear closest together.

NOTICE

- What would an unqualified statement of group pride sound like?

- How does admitting wrongdoing change the credibility of Hawkeye's self-description?
- Can loyalty become stronger rather than weaker when it includes criticism?

THINK

Answer provisionally: What does Hawkeye reveal by asserting his identity while admitting his own people's wrongdoing? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: What does Hawkeye reveal by asserting his identity while admitting his own people's wrongdoing? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Hawkeye's identity claim gains credibility because he can belong to his people without pretending they are blameless. Loyalty includes the capacity to criticize wrongdoing committed by one's own group.
EVIDENCE	Use his assertion of white identity and the admissions or condemnations he makes about white conduct.
WATCH FOR	Do not interpret criticism as rejection of identity. The passage holds belonging and moral judgment together.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Underline Hawkeye's statements of identity or loyalty. Circle the admissions of wrongdoing by his own people. Star the sentence where pride and criticism appear closest together.
2. NOTICE - What would an unqualified statement of group pride sound like? How does admitting wrongdoing change the credibility of Hawkeye's self-description? Can loyalty become stronger rather than weaker when it includes criticism?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: What does Hawkeye reveal by asserting his identity while admitting his own people's wrongdoing?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.