

The Last of the Mohicans

James Fenimore Cooper

What does Uncas abandoning his rifle reveal about what matters most in the pursuit?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Uncas abandons the rifle
------------	--------------------------

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	Final pursuit
START	Cora! Cora! echoed Uncas
END	Uncas abandoned his rifle, and leaped forward
PASSAGE ID	sec-lm-03

THE MOVE

Infer priority from what a character discards

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Uncas discards his rifle during the pursuit because speed and reaching Cora suddenly matter more than preserving his weapon. What a character willingly abandons can reveal priorities more clearly than what he says.

MARK

Underline the moment Uncas recognizes Cora’s danger. Circle the action of abandoning the rifle. Star the detail showing what immediate goal replaces caution or equipment.

NOTICE

- What value does the rifle normally have in this setting?

- What does abandoning it cost Uncas?
- What priority becomes visible because he is willing to give that advantage up?

THINK

Answer provisionally: What does Uncas abandoning his rifle reveal about what matters most in the pursuit? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: What does Uncas abandoning his rifle reveal about what matters most in the pursuit? 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	Abandoning the rifle shows that reaching Cora immediately matters more than preserving a crucial survival advantage. Priority becomes visible through what Uncas is willing to give up.
EVIDENCE	Use the value of the rifle, the moment he discards it, and the urgent goal replacing caution.
WATCH FOR	Do not call the act irrational without considering what value has become dominant in that moment.
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.

The Last of the Mohicans

James Fenimore Cooper

What does Uncas abandoning his rifle reveal about what matters most in the pursuit?

START ANCHOR	Cora! Cora! echoed Uncas
END ANCHOR	Uncas abandoned his rifle, and leaped forward

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.

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 the moment Uncas recognizes Cora’s danger. Circle the action of abandoning the rifle. Star the detail showing what immediate goal replaces caution or equipment.
2. NOTICE - What value does the rifle normally have in this setting? What does abandoning it cost Uncas? What priority becomes visible because he is willing to give that advantage up?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: What does Uncas abandoning his rifle reveal about what matters most in the pursuit?
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.