

The Last of the Mohicans

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How does Tamenund make Uncas's death mean more than the loss of one person?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	The last warrior
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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 XXXIII
START	The pale faces are masters of the earth
END	the last warrior of the wise race of the Mohicans.
PASSAGE ID	sec-lm-04

THE MOVE

Turn one death into a historical claim

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Tamenund turns Uncas’s death into a statement about historical disappearance. The phrase 'last warrior' transforms personal grief into the loss of a people’s continuity and place in the world.

MARK

Underline details referring specifically to Uncas as an individual. Circle language about race, people, land, or historical change. Star the sentence where personal death becomes collective meaning.

NOTICE

- What is lost when Uncas dies as a person?
- What larger loss does Tamenund attach to that death?

- How does the word 'last' change the scale of grief?

THINK

Answer provisionally: How does Tamenund make Uncas's death mean more than the loss of one person? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: How does Tamenund make Uncas's death mean more than the loss of one person? 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	Tamenund makes Uncas's death historical by naming him as the last warrior and connecting the loss to the disappearance of a people and era. One death becomes evidence of cultural ending.
EVIDENCE	Use language specific to Uncas and the larger terms—last, people, warrior, race, land, or historical change—attached to him.
WATCH FOR	Do not erase Uncas as an individual in the larger claim. Explain how personal grief is enlarged, not replaced.
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.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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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 details referring specifically to Uncas as an individual. Circle language about race, people, land, or historical change. Star the sentence where personal death becomes collective meaning.
2. **NOTICE** - What is lost when Uncas dies as a person? What larger loss does Tamenund attach to that death? How does the word 'last' change the scale of grief?
3. **THINK** - Answer provisionally: How does Tamenund make Uncas's death mean more than the loss of one person?
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.