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## Section 2

### Conflict with the Chickasaw

**Directions:** Read the account of a battle between the French and the Chickasaw and answer the questions that follow.

*M. De Bienville, Governor of this Province, being determined to destroy the . . . Chickasaw . . . march[ed] toward them some time ago from New Orleans . . . He dispatched orders . . . to Major Pierre D'Artaguett, the commanding Officer among the Illinois [band of Indians], to join the French the first of April, and to muster [assemble] together as many [Indians] . . . as he could get. Major D'Artaguett [moved so quickly] . . . that he arrived at the rendezvous . . . before the time prescribed; and instead of waiting the coming of [Governor] Bienville, he went to attack the Chickasaws, trusting very much to the bravery of the Illinois, who nevertheless abandoned him at the first fire of the people of [the] Chickasaws. . . . [So] he had no more than 150 men left, both French and . . . Indians, to withstand 800; Therefore the battle did not last long; he was quickly defeated and killed with all the other officers and 48 French[men].*

(Excerpt of a letter dated April 30, 1736, and published in the *New England Weekly Journal*)

1. What was Governor Bienville's military objective in this battle? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why were Bienville's and D'Artaguett's forces unable to rendezvous (to meet at an agreed time and place)?  
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3. Which tribe had allied with the French for the battle with the Chickasaw? \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to this account, what did the Illinois band do when they were first fired upon? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. After the Illinois band left, how badly outnumbered were D'Artaguett's forces? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What was the outcome of the battle? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What type of source is the letter excerpt? \_\_\_\_\_
8. When this letter excerpt is published in a journal account of the battle, what type of source is it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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