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ERA 1: THREE WORLDS MEET (BEGINNINGS TO 1620)  
ERA 2: COLONIZATION AND SETTLEMENT (1585-1763)

THEMES: AMERICAN DIVERSITY, DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES,  
WAR AND DIPLOMACY

# Champlain Among the Mohawk, 1609

*A SOLDIER-HUMANIST FIGHTS A WAR FOR PEACE IN NORTH AMERICA*



Inauthentic depiction of Samuel de Champlain, by Théophile Hamel, 1870. No authentic portrait of Champlain is known to exist.

## Guiding Questions

How did Champlain's approach to relations with Native American nations differ in general from that of the English and Spanish?

What was the main obstacle in Champlain's attempt to establish peace between the Iroquois and their neighbors?

## Question Focus Examples for Task 24

Given their approach to colonies, the French should have been the most successful colonial empire.

## Teacher-to-Teacher

This article helps provide students with a broader perspective on the early European settlement of North America. It inclines towards a variant of the "great person" theory, which the teacher should counter balance with information on the various economic possibilities of European settlements in general. Students should then consider to what extent an impressive individual influenced the course of history.

**Literature Connection:** *The Deerslayer* by James Fenimore Cooper,  
*Champlain's Dream* by David Hackett Fischer

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