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Quaker¹ (p6) 当你看到正文中单词右上角数字时，即可在页脚Glossary处查看该单词的相关注释。

(2) 故事简介

"They saw flashes of gunfire coming from the river bank.
There was a sudden crack of rifle fire nearby."

In America, during the French and Indian wars, two young women, Cora and Alice, set off on a dangerous journey to be reunited with their father, Colonel Munro. They are aided by Hawkeye, a brave frontier scout and Chingackgook and Uncas, his Mohican companions.

On their way they must escape from the cruel Huron, Magua, and the French army. Will they get to Fort William Henry and safety?

(3) 高一年级句型结构

Sequencing of future tenses	<i>Could / Was able to / Managed to</i>
Present perfect plus <i>yet, already, just</i>	<i>Had to / Didn't have to</i>
First conditional	<i>Shall / Could for offers</i>
Present and past passive	<i>May / Can / Could for permission</i>
	<i>Might for future possibility</i>
<i>How long?</i>	<i>Make and Let</i>
<i>Very / Really / Quite</i>	<i>Causative have</i>
	<i>Want / Ask / Tell someone to do something</i>

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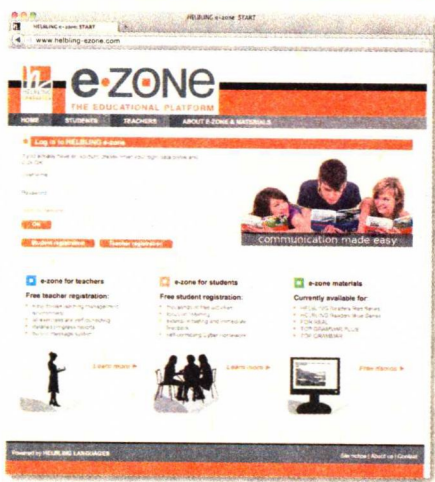
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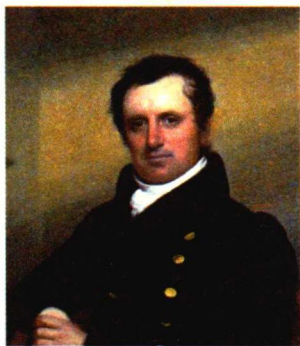
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About the Author

James Fenimore Cooper was born in Burlington, New Jersey, USA on September 15th, 1789. He was the eleventh of twelve children. His parents, William and Elizabeth Fenimore Cooper, were Quakers¹. His father was a successful landowner² and he established the village of Cooperstown in

New York State. When Cooper was growing up, he loved exploring the countryside and forests that surrounded his family's estate³. Cooper joined the Navy when he was 17 and travelled the seas for the next five years. He inherited⁴ his father's estate when he was 20, and got married when he was 22. For a while he made a living from farming. He lived comfortably and had time for activities such as reading. He learned about American history and about the lives of the Native Americans. Once, after finishing a story he told his wife that he could easily write something better himself. She told him to try. He did, and published his first novel in 1820. He went on to write over 40 books, including works of social and political criticism. He is most famous for his five 'Leatherstocking Tales' set in the American frontier⁵ which include *The Last of the Mohicans* (1826). The hero of these novels is Natty Bumppo, who is also known as Hawkeye and as Leatherstocking.

From 1826 to 1833 Cooper travelled in Europe and lived in London, Paris and Sorrento. Through his writing he aimed to teach his readers about social responsibilities, about democracy and about American history and heritage⁶.

Cooper died in 1851 at his home in Cooperstown.

Glossary

- 1 Quaker** /'kweɪkə/ *n.* member of a Christian religious group (基督教) 教徒
- 2 landowner** /'lænd,əʊnə/ *n.* person who has a lot of land 地主
- 3 estate** /'stet/ *n.* house with land 房产

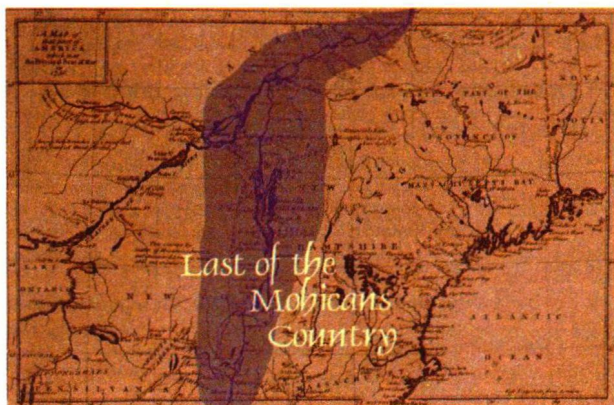
- 4 inherit** /ɪn'herɪt/ *v.* receive (when someone dies) 继承
- 5 American frontier** /'frʌntɪə/: the unsettled land in America 美国待开发的地带
- 6 heritage** /'herɪtɪdʒ/ *n.* culture and tradition 传统; 文化遗产

About the Book

The Last of the Mohicans is set in the summer of 1757. This was the time of the French and Indian War, when the British and the French armies were both trying to gain control of an area of West New York State.

Fort William Henry, a British outpost controlled by Colonel Munro, is under attack by the French General Montcalm and his Indian allies¹, amongst them the Huron and the Delaware tribes. Munro's daughters, Alice and Cora, are on their way to join their father. They are captured by Magua, a Huron Indian who wants revenge² on his old enemy Munro. The sisters are helped by an expert frontiersman³ called Hawkeye, and his Mohican companions Chingachgook and Uncas. After a series of terrible battles⁴ and thrilling⁵ escapes, the story has a tragic, though positive, ending.

The Last of the Mohicans is a work of fiction, but some parts of the story, such as the surrender⁶ of Fort William Henry in August 1757, are based on real events from history. The colonists left the fort after surrendering, but they were attacked by the Indian allies of the French, and around 180 of them were killed.



- 1 **ally** /'ælaɪ/ *n.* friendly group or nation (usually in a war) 同盟军
- 2 **revenge** /rɪ'vendʒ/ *n.* when you hurt someone because of something they did to you in the past 复仇
- 3 **frontiersman** /'frʌntɪəzsmən/ *n.* one of the first people to live in the

- American west 美国西部的原住民
- 4 **battle** /'bætl/ *n.* period of fighting 战斗
- 5 **thrilling** /'θrɪlɪŋ/ *a.* exciting and dangerous 惊险的
- 6 **surrender** /sə'rendə/ *n.* act of giving to the enemy 投降

Before Reading

- 1 Look at these pictures of three characters from the book. Who do you think they are? Where are they from? What are they like? Write five words or phrases to describe their character.



Chingachgook



Hawkeye



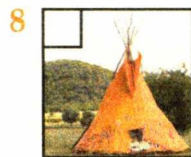
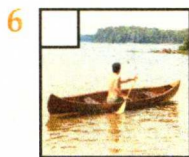
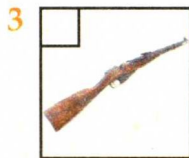
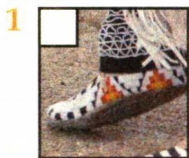
Magua

- 2 If you were going on a long journey, which of the men above would you choose to be your guide? Can you tell some reasons?
- 3 Imagine you are travelling through the woods with your guide. Hostile Indians are trying to find you. Read the list below. Put a tick (✓) next to the things you should do and a cross (✗) next to the things you should not do.
- a) Use your rifle to kill animals for food.
 - b) Sing, so you won't be bored on the trip.
 - c) Use a bow and arrow.
 - d) Hide your horses.
 - e) Wear your walking boots.
 - f) Leave behind any clothes you don't need.
 - g) Take turns with your companions to keep watch at night.
 - h) Leave the food you don't eat for the wolves.
 - i) Make sure you walk on the grass, not on wood or stones.

4 Match the words from the story with the pictures.

- a) tomahawk
- b) wigwam
- c) moccasins
- d) cave

- e) canoe
- f) rifle
- g) knife
- h) hoofs



5 Now use each of the words above to complete the sentences.

- a) They came across the water in a large _____.
- b) Suddenly they heard the sound of horses' _____.
- c) It's easier to walk in _____ than in boots.
- d) A tall, powerful Huron ran towards him, waving his _____ in the air.
- e) Hawkeye grabbed the _____ and stabbed it through the Indian's heart.
- f) The _____ of Magua is empty. He needs a wife and children of his own.
- g) He saw the bear sitting in a dark corner of the _____.
- h) Hawkeye aimed his _____ and fired.

6 Choose one of the sentences in exercise 5. Write what happens next.

Before Reading

1 Read these sentences from the story. They describe sounds made by objects or animals. Listen and match the underlined words with the sound you hear.

- a) Suddenly they heard the sound of horses' hoofs.
- b) Before Uncas could move, the wolves howled and ran away into the forest.
- c) The bear growled at Heyward.
- d) Bullets whizzed over the men's heads.
- e) If there is a problem, croak three times like a crow.
- f) He heard the crack of a rifle.

2 Listen to the opening of the story. Tick (✓) if you think the following sentences are True (T) or False (F).

- | | T | F |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Magua wants the people at Fort Edward to feel safe. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) The French commander Montcalm is a cruel man who will torture and kill the soldiers at Fort William Henry. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) General Webb is a wise and calm man. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3 If you were General Webb, what would you do?

- a) Send all your soldiers to Fort William Henry.
- b) Send no soldiers to Fort William Henry.
- c) Leave Fort Edward and move to a safer place.
- d) Do something else. (Decide with your partner what you would do.)

- 4 Look at this scene from *The Last of the Mohicans*.

Can you use your imagination to give another title for the story?



- 5 Look at the picture for 2 minutes and think about the following questions.

How many people are in the picture?

Who are the main characters in the picture?

Who is in the background?

What is happening?

- 6 The story is set in the American frontier. The frontier was the division between the settled land where the colonialists lived in the east, and the unsettled land where the Indians had their land in the west.

What do you think life was like? Imagine you are a colonialist. You are moving west to find land and build a home.

Write a letter describing your feelings and what you bring with you. Describe the journey and what you hope to find.



CHAPTER 1

Magua travelled for two hours from Fort William Henry. The Indian brave¹ ran most of the way, through thick forests and along hidden paths, to reach Fort Edward. He had important news from Colonel Munro for General Webb, Fort Edward's British commander.

'The French commander Montcalm is coming,' said Magua. 'He is marching² now towards Fort William Henry.'

Magua's words brought fear to the people who lived inside Fort Edward and to the British soldiers who were camped outside the fort.

'Montcalm is a very great chief³,' said the Indian. 'He has many soldiers and many Indian braves. If Montcalm attacks Fort William Henry, everyone will die. Colonel Munro will die. Montcalm's braves will take many scalps⁴ from the British soldiers. Colonel Munro needs more men and supplies⁵.'

The inhabitants⁶ of Fort Edward were terrified.

General Webb listened quietly to Magua's story. It was true that the war between the French and the British was savage⁷ and bloody. The two sides had fought each other for three years to win this wild and hostile⁸ country.

Glossary

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| <p>1 brave /breɪv/ <i>n.</i> (here) Native American (此处指) 北美印第安武士</p> <p>2 march /mɑ:tʃ/ <i>v.</i> walk fast like a soldier 进军</p> <p>3 chief /tʃi:f/ <i>n.</i> leader; commander 首领</p> <p>4 scalp /skælp/ <i>n.</i> hair and skin cut from heads of the enemy and kept as prizes 头皮</p> | <p>5 supply /sə'plai/ (supplies [plural]) <i>n.</i> what you need to survive (food, drink, arms, etc.) 供给; 供给物</p> <p>6 inhabitant /ɪn'hæbɪtənt/ <i>n.</i> one of the people who lives in an area 居住者</p> <p>7 savage /'sævɪdʒ/ <i>a.</i> (here) terrible; cruel 野蛮的; 残忍的</p> <p>8 hostile /'hɒstail/ <i>a.</i> unfriendly 敌对的</p> |
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