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Minavavana – In His Own Words

Minavavana was a chief of the Chippewa or Ojibwe Nation and a close ally of the French during the French and Indian War. In 1761, a British fur trapper named Alexander Henry recorded Minavavana's statement to him as he traveled into a French-allied Chippewa Nation. As you read Minavavana's speech, underline the main ideas from the text and try to understand his position on the Chippewa way of war and the future to come. Be sure to keep track of Minavavana's point of view and describe your own thoughts as you fill in the chart below.

	Key Ideas
Englishman, although you have conquered the French, you have not yet conquered us! We are not your slaves. . . . Englishman, our father, the king of France, employed our young men to make war upon your nation. In this warfare, many of them have been killed; and it is our custom to retaliate, until such time as the spirits of the slain are satisfied. But, the spirits of the slain are to be satisfied in either of two ways; the first is by the spilling of the blood of the nation by which they fell; the other by covering the bodies of the dead, and thus allaying the resentment of their relations. This is done by making presents. Englishman, your king has never sent us any presents . . . wherefore he and we are still at war; and, until he does these things, we must consider that we have no other father, nor friend, among the white men, than the king of France. . . . You do not come armed, with an intention to make war. . . . We shall regard you, therefore, as a brother. . . . As a token of our friendship, we present you with this pipe, to smoke.	• • • •

Vocabulary & Meanings	
Example- "conquered"	- defeated, destroyed, overcome

Questions I still have . . .

Significant "Quotes" and Interpretations

Quote " **"**

I think Minavavana meant-

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I think that Minavavana's statements to English trader Alexander Henry were _____ (convincing /questionable), because . . .