The Formula

Johnson's argument, 1892. NBE3U, Behind the Image, Lesson 2

Name: _____ Date: _____

What Johnson argued (summary)

In “A Strong Race Opinion” (1892), Johnson mocks the single stereotyped “Indian girl” of settler fiction: always a chief's daughter with a “Winona”-sounding name and no surname, always in love with a white hero, and almost always doomed.

Part of the formula	Why it's a stereotype	Who benefits from it?
A chief's daughter		
A “Winona” first name, no surname		
In love with a white hero		
Doomed: dies or is abandoned		

Name a modern film or story that still uses part of this formula. Which part?

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Christine's Answer

“A Red Girl's Reasoning.” NBE3U, Behind the Image, Lesson 2

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Formula	What Christine does instead	Quotation
Has no surname or history		
Silent and devoted		
Exists for the white hero		
Doomed		

Retell the ballroom scene in two sentences from Mrs. Stuart's point of view. What changes?

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