Two Audiences

“A Cry from an Indian Wife.” NBE3U, Writing Back, Lesson 2

Name: _____ Date: _____

Line(s)	What the husband hears	What a settler listener in 1892 hears
“Here is your knife!”		
“They all are young and beautiful and good”		
“If some great nation came from far away”		
“Who prays for vict'ry for the Indian scout?”		
“By right, by birth we Indians own these lands”		

Which audience do you think matters more to Johnson? Why?

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Word-Choice Audit

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Word or phrase	Dictionary meaning	Connotation (+, −, mixed)	Who it flatters or accuses, and why

Analytical paragraph: How does Johnson's word choice let the poem speak to two audiences at once?

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