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Museum Indians

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1a. **What is the snake in Power’s mother’s dresser drawer?** The snake in Power’s mother’s dresser drawer is actually the mother’s own hair. It is her long and heavy braided hair that she cut years ago.

1b. **Why does she keep it there?** She keeps it there because it reminds her of the traditional and cultural past. It takes her back to her roots.

2a. **What complaint does Power’s mother make about the statue at the Historical Society?** The complaint that Power’s mother makes about the statue at the Historical Society is that it only shows one side of the Native American history. The museum depicts the Natives as savage killers and paints a negative picture of them.

2b. **What is the effect of her complaints?** As a result of her complaints, the statue was removed from the museum.

2c. **How does the statue contrast with the exhibit at the Art Institute?** The statue contrasts with the exhibit at the Art Institute since the museum is full of culture and pays respect to the traditions of the Natives. Meanwhile, the statue shows negative stereotypes of Native Americans.

3a. **What is unique about Power’s relationship to the buckskin dress at the Art Institute?** Power has a unique relationship to the buckskin dress at the Art Institute because it was her great grandmother’s dress. Her great grandmother made the buckskin dress herself.

3b. **What is her mother’s attitude towards seeing the dress there?** Her mother was thrilled to see the buckskin dress preserved and put on display. But she is sad that it isn’t in the family.

4a. **In what ways does her mother identify with the buffalo?** Her mother identifies with the buffalo because they do not belong. The mother feels that they’re both out of place and should not be in the city.

4b. **How is Power different from her mother?** Power is different from her mother because Power believes she fits into the city and is part of the city.

4c. **What does the final paragraph tell you about the relationship between the writer and her mother and their relationship with the city?** The final paragraph shows that the relationship between the writer and her mother is strong and sympathetic. The writer refers to the mother as her city, as in her home.

5. **How do you think Power’s mother influenced her as a writer?** Power’s mother influenced her as a writer because