
SSW

What do you think the phrase “terminal narratives” means? Explain your thinking.

Directions:

- Read and annotate “Terminal Narratives” from *An Indigenous People’s History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz.
- In partners, answer the discussion questions and be sure to include at least one quote or specific piece of evidence from the reading to support your answer.
 1. What is the “current consensus” about how Europeans came to control and possess the land that was once the Indigenous peoples’ land? (p. 39)
 2. What is Dunbar-Ortiz’s view of the “current consensus”?
 3. What percentage of the Indigenous population in the Americas died according to scholars today?
 4. To what extent was disease weaponized by Europeans? How did Europeans use disease to harm Indigenous people?

5. For some scholars, what were other "terminal narratives" besides disease?
6. How does Dunbar compare the genocide of Indigenous people to the Holocaust? Why do you think she makes that comparison?
7. What did you find surprising, interesting, or troubling about the reading?
8. What questions do you have now? What are you wondering about?