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Q7(a)

Critically explain the notion of 'deconstruction' in the light of the postmodern works of Jacques Derrida.

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Différance

Derrida's term for meaning produced through difference between signs and endlessly deferred through further signs.

Structure, Sign and Play

Derrida's essay reads Lévi-Strauss to question the idea of a stable centre outside the play of signs.

Writing Culture

Clifford and Marcus's volume made ethnographic authority, rhetoric and partial representation central anthropological problems.

Lila Abu-Lughod

Her call to write against culture resists homogeneous, bounded portraits through particular lives and connections.

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