

Guns, Germs, and Steel By Jared Diamond

Text-Dependent Questions

February 11, 2019

1. Explain how the following statement is relevant to Yali's question and Diamond's research: "Sound evidence for the existence of human differences in intelligence that parallel human differences in technology is lacking (p. 19).
2. Explain the connections Diamond makes between murder, disease, and intelligence among "Westerners" and New Guineans on page 20-21.
3. How does Diamond's point of view affect his claim that "New Guineans are smarter than Westerners" (p.20)?
4. **Quick Write:** How does Diamond demonstrate the validity of researching Yali's question in this excerpt?
5. Surfacing Issues Tool p. 42: Complete first two entries

Tuesday

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1. Do Now (ACT Practice Question)
2. Class Song/Superlatives/Quotes/Cap & Gown Measurements
3. Scholarship Information
4. Community Service Logs
- 5. July 1, 2019:** TN Promise Community Service Deadline
6. February 14, 2019: Valentine's Day Pictures
7. February 15, 2019: Rust College Open House (***Turn in Permission Slip***)
8. February 22, 2019: Concorde Career College Tour
9. February 22, 2019: Oscar Night
- 10. IMMUNIZATION Forms for Southwest CC: Complete and Return**

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Read and annotate pages 21-25 of the text (from “A genetic explanation isn’t the only possible answer to Yali’s question to “That seems to me the strongest argument for writing this book”).

Quick Write: How do the interaction and development of ideas in this excerpt refine the author’s purpose?

Read and annotate pages 65-71 of the text from “The biggest population shift of modern times has been “to” no Indian should be able to offend a Christian”).

Continue to identify surface issues as you read the text.

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1. Surfacing Issues Tool p. 42
2. Common Core State Standards Tool (Start the CCS Standards: Writing Tool) p. 44
3. Posing Inquiry Questions: Read the Generating Questions section and start Generating ideas for your Inquiry Based Research Project p. 57
 1. Respond to the questions with a possible issue for your research

Monday

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Reminders

1. Valentine's Day Pictures, Thursday, February 14, 2019 from 8-9:30 a.m.
2. Rust College Tour, Friday, February 15, 2019 (**Full Bus!**)
3. Concorde Career College Tour, Friday, February 22, 2019
4. Oscar Night, Friday, February 22, 2019

Class Assignment (*Guns, Germs, and Steel*) **Answer the following questions and turn in your responses to Mrs. Alexander. These are the first five questions from the handout.*

- What is the “Old World” (p.65) to which the author refers?
- What does Diamond's use of the word **nevertheless** (p.66) suggest about Pizarro's capture of Atahualpa?
- According to Diamond, what about Atahualpa's capture “interests us” (p. 66)?
- Given the identities of the authors of the “eyewitness accounts” (p.67), what might the word **infidels** mean in the first paragraph on page 67?
- Why were the Spaniards “Full of fear” (p.68)?