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Deconstruction

Translated from the word Destruktion

Definition

It's an approach to understand the relationship between text and the meaning



Jaques Derrida , the philosopher originated the term “deconstruction”

Derrida published a book “ Of Grammatology”
He introduced majority of influential ideas of deconstruction in this book.
Other books related to deconstruction.

1. Difference, speech and phenomena
2. Writing and Difference



Deconstruction concept was sought from Martin Heidegger and applied to textual reading.

Heidegger's Term:-

A process of exploring the categories and concept from traditions, that has imposed through word, history behind it.



Derrida's view

He said that the readers may get confusion to understanding the exact meaning of a text. So this deconstruction will expose the clear relationship between the text and readers.



Derrida's view

Example

House



The word has more meaning, how it differs from “shed”
“Mansion” is different from “hotel room”



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