Quote Analysis: Angela Davis on Retooling & Reparations

Directions: Use the space below to **explain** (in at least five sentences) Davis' opinion about retooling. What does she mean by retooling? What might that look like for those she mentioned? What tools would people need?

"In the United States we are at such a disadvantage because we do not know how to talk about the genocide inflicted on Indigenous people. We do not know how to talk about slavery. We do not acknowledge that we all live on colonized land. And in the meantime, Native Americans live in impoverished conditions on reservations. They have an extremely high incarceration rate—as a matter of fact, per capita the highest incarceration rate—and they suffer disproportionately from such diseases as alcoholism and diabetes.

"A part of our job is to ask why these disadvantages exist. A part of our job is to say (what) doesn't work, but it's also our job to (say) this is what does work … to say this is what's possible and this is what's necessary."

"Reparations have to be about revolutionizing our society, not just about money, but rather about **retooling** the society," Davis said. "If it is retooled for descendants of Indigenous people and people of African descent (to) be incorporated into the society on a basis of equality, that will be democracy for everyone."