Causes of Death

- **Indifference**: If a mother-language is not used frequently and consistently, the next generation will become indifferent to the language and view it as irrelevant.

- **Identity**: Language can be a strong instrument used to find identity within a culture, but if language is stripped from a people group, then the language will be forgotten and unwanted.

- **Integration**: When one culture integrates another culture, any language is challenged to adapt or to die out.

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Cultural Importance

- Language is a tool used to understand and take part in the corresponding culture (Drozdzewsli 112).
- Boarding schools removed Indigenous languages to further the separation from the culture (Dawson 82).
- UNESCO seeks to save Indigenous languages globally due to the repression of and the cultural significance language has in every culture (UNESCO).

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Statistics

- 7,000 languages spoken world-wide
- 2,680 languages are in danger of dying.
- 167 Indigenous languages spoken in U.S.
- The majority of these languages are endangered.
- Tuscarora currently has 2 first-language speakers and 2 intermediate speakers (Bissel).

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