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the goal of the oxford handbook of african american language is to provide readers with a wide range of analyses of both traditional and contemporary work on language use in african american communities in a broad collective

pre university paper from the year 2011 in the subject english pedagogy didactics literature studies antwerp local school course last year of high school language english abstract 1 introduction african american vernacular english aave is the variety formerly known as black english vernacular or vernacular black english among sociolinguists it is also called ebonics outside the academic community while

some features of aave are apparently unique to this variety in its structure it also shows many similarities with other varieties including a number of standard and nonstandard english varieties spoken in the us aave has been the subject of several public debates the analysis of this variety has caused a lot of discussion among sociolinguists and also among the american people aave is a language that i hear every day through the music i hear and the internet i use this was the main reason that i chose to learn more about aave many people think aave is the same as standard american english but this is not true in this paper i will investigate whether aave is a dialect or a slang and also the origins of aave and the features of aave phonological grammatical and lexical features and the social and educational context of aave will be explained more in this paper through many research in the library of the university of antwerp and the library of the university of leuven but also through many research on the internet i was able to collect and investigate this subject with the great help of my teacher i was able to make this paper

this book focuses on one of the most persistent and controversial questions in modern sociolinguistics the past and present development of african american vernacular english aave

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research paper undergraduate from the year 2012 in the subject american studies linguistics grade a university of new hampshire course english 550 graduate studies in english language language english abstract this scholarly research paper examines the substantial reasoning behind why african american vernacular english is a true dialect of the english language the aave controversy has been long debated by scholars and linguists alike the debate is centered on two substantial ideas of its definition and genesis the debate is split half of the spectrum believes aave is simply an apathetic form of speech while other concrete theories suggest that aave is a dialect of the english language that stems from the west african slave trade this research paper not only analyzes a number of scholarly theories to credit the idea that aave is a true dialect of the english language but it also calls on a number of other variants to supplement the facts provided

essay from the year 2007 in the subject american studies culture and applied geography grade 10 university of cordoba spain universidad de cordoba course sociolinguistics language english abstract african american vernacular english or aave which is also variously labelled african american english black english black vernacular english or ebonics is the non standard variety of english spoken by many african americans at least to some extent and in some contexts the now very popular term ebonics is a portmanteau of the words ebony and phonics created in 1973 by a group of black scholars who disliked the term nonstandard negro english which was in use at that time the circumstances of the creation of the term which has gained considerable popularity during a huge debate in 1996 which will be

discussed later already highlights one of the main features associated with aave the controversies which centre upon it even according to mccrum et al within the black community for some it is an authentic means of self expression for black english speakers throughout america and the world for others who prefer the norms of standard english black english represents the disadvantaged past an obstacle to advancement something better unlearned denied or forgotten the first thorough sociolinguistic study of aave was carried out by william labov in 1968 it was funded by the us office of education which was interested in the relation between social dialects and the teaching of english the problems many black american children had to acquire thorough reading skills was in fact what first brought attention to aave still scholars can t seem to agree on what exactly aave is and where it comes from scholars on one end of the scale of opinions hold it to be very different from standard english even a distinct language those on the other end claim it to be a mere product of regional and socio economical differences between blacks and whites these two aspects will be the main points of interest in this paper after a rough linguistic description of the dialect i m going to turn to its possible history before finally concluding with a short outline of the main sociolinguistic aspects surrounding aave including the educational problems it presents which have after all been the catalyst for linguistic interest in the dialect

seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject english language and literature studies linguistics humboldt university of berlin language english abstract the language only the language it is the thing that black people love so much the saying of words holding them on the tongue experimenting with them playing with them it s a love a passion its function is like a preacher s to make you stand up out of your seat make you lose yourself and ear yourself the worst of all possible things that could happen is to lose that language there are certain things i cannot say with out recourse to my language with these words toni morrison an american professor and novelist probably expressed exactly what many african american people felt and still feel in her statement she refers to the so called african american vernacular english abbreviated aave which is a variant of english spoken mostly by black people in the united states jokinen 2008 1 it is also known as african american english black english vernacular black vernacular eng lish black vernacular black english or ebonics it is important to point out that not all african americans inevitably speak this ethnolect and that there are also people with a non african american background who nonetheless may speak it cf patrick 2007 1 furthermore it is hard to define who actually speaks aave as some speakers may only use some features e g vocabulary or grammatical aspects of this variant cf jokinen 2008 1 aave is a variant of english that you can see and hear every day it is present in the internet and in many songs and that makes it so interesting to find out more about it and to get a better understanding of aave in this paper i will focus on different aspects i will start dealing with the question where does aave come from under point two and will continue with a brief overview of some basic grammatical features of aave in point three under point fo

this volume based on presentations at a 1998 state of the art conference at the university of georgia critically examines african american english aae socially culturally historically and educationally it explores the relationship between aae and other varieties of english namely southern white vernaculars gullah and caribbean english creoles language use in the african american community e g hip hop women s language and directness and application of our knowledge about aae to issues in education e g improving overall academic success to its credit since

most books avoid the issue the volume also seeks to define the term aae and challenge researchers to address the complexity of defining a language and its speakers the volume collectively tries to help readers better understand language use in the african american community and how that understanding benefits all who value language variation and the knowledge such study brings to our society

a pioneering 20 year longitudinal study of 67 african american children that illuminates how and why language changes in childhood

african american english aae is a major area of research in linguistics but until now work has primarily been focused on aae as it is spoken amongst the working classes from its historical development to its contemporary context this is the first full length overview of the use and evaluation of aae by middle class speakers giving voice to this relatively neglected segment of the african american speech community weldon offers a unique first person account of middle class aae and highlights distinguishing elements such as codeswitching camouflaged feature usage standard aae and talking sounding black vs proper readers can hear authentic excerpts and audio prompts of the language described through a wide range of audio files which can be accessed directly from the book s page using qr technology or through the book s online resource tab engaging and accessible it will help students and researchers gain a broader understanding of both the african american speech community and the aae continuum

this book covers both the linguistic features of african american english in particular the grammar phonology and lexicon and the sociological political and educational issues associated with it

for review see daniel j crowley in new west indian guide nieuwe west indische gids vol 70 no 1 2 1996 p 188 190

seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject didactics for the subject english applied geography grade 1 7 university of duisburg essen geisteswissenschaften course english in north america language english abstract from the very start i was very interested in african american vernacular english aave in this work i also wanted to include a bit of history i consider that history is an important influence on the present not only regarding language but everything history shows us the roots of things and a person who knows history avoids doing the same mistake again in case of aave the language is indeed connected to the history of the african americans to the history of slavery and so to the history of the united states of america for me it is also important to give a wide range on the knowledge about aave a frame of history starting with the broad picture about the settlement and the rest of the history of the us then i will look on the history of the african americans and the origin of their language finally a description of aave and its features follows the question this essay deals with was mostly inspired by the controversial views about the origin of aave namely the creole based and the dialect theory those might be only theories about the origin of aave but assuming one of those theories is correct defines a certain point of view on aave is aave only a dialect derived from a pidgin which developed somewhere in the caribbean or on in west africa or is aave a dialect which developed in the same manner and at the same time like all the other american dialects is it correct to compare aave to standard english listing the mistakes this variety makes or should it rather be compared to other varieties

when the oakland california school board called african american english ebonics and claimed that it is not a black dialect or any dialect of english they reignited a debate over language race and culture that reaches back to the era of slavery in the united states in this book john baugh an authority on african american english sets new parameters for the debate by dissecting and challenging many of the prevailing myths about african american language and its place in american society baugh s inquiry ranges from the origins of african american english among slaves and their descendants to its recent adoption by standard english speakers of various races some of the topics he considers include practices and malpractices for educating language minority students linguistic discrimination in the administration of justice cross cultural communication between blacks and whites and specific linguistic aspects of african american english this detailed overview of the main points of debate about african american language will be important reading for both scholars and the concerned public

seminar paper from the year 2009 in the subject american studies linguistics grade 10 university of duisburg essen course language and interaction 6 entries in the bibliography language english abstract the majority of the us citizens of african ancestry speak a characteristic variety of english that has been referred to by several names it has variously been called non standard negro english negro dialect black english vernacular black english african american english african american vernacular english ebonics etc in this paper i will use the term african american vernacular english abbreviated aave because it is the term most current among linguists today the term vernacular refers to the everyday language spoken by a speech community often a non standard variety no other variety inside the united states has been studied as much as aave during the last fourty years many works have been released concerning this topic this paper is an overview of aave it starts with the historical backgrounds of the variety by discussing the major theories concerning its origin the main part of this paper deals with aave s linguistic features in comparison to standard american english the features are subdivided into the sub chapters phonology grammar and vocabulary a summary forms the final chapter of this paper

seminar paper from the year 2005 in the subject american studies linguistics grade 17 university of wuppertal course african american culture as resistance 14 entries in the bibliography language english abstract in 1619 the first black people were violently taken to virginia united states many more blacks were to follow and hence had to work as slaves on the plantations in the south fueling the trade of an emerging economic power families and friends were separated and people from different regions who spoke different african dialects were grouped together this was to make sure that no communication in their respective native languages would take place in order to prevent mutinies thus the africans had to learn the language of their new surroundings namely english today the english of the blacks in america is distinguishable as african american vernacular english aave aave and american white southern english awse were very similar in colonial times and according to feagin1 awse still has features of aave such as the non rhoticism and falsetto pitch2 which is supposed to add to the apparent musicality of both aave and awse today many commonalities can be attributed to the coexistence of the two cultures for almost 200 years while many differences are claimed to be due to segregation crystal claims that first forms of pidgin english spoken by africans already emerged during the journey on the slave ships where communication was also made difficult due to the grouping of different dialects in order to prevent mutiny the slave

traders who often spoken english had already shaped the new pidgin languages on the ships and helped shape a creole that was to be established in the caribbean colonies as well southern us colonies in the 17th century

readings in african american language aspects features and perspectives is the most comprehensive collection in african american vernacular english aave available that provides various theoretical approaches of its origin development and advantages the contributors provide many different perspectives and topics relevant to the study of african american language as an academic social cultural linguistic entry in the field of language study

seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject english language and literature studies linguistics grade 2 0 university of dusseldorf heinrich heine language english abstract content 1 introduction 3 2 the roots of african american english 3 3 features 5 3 1phonetics 5 3 1 1 the th in aae 5 3 1 2the consonant cluster education ccr 7 3 2aae as a non rhotic dialect 9 3 3 grammatical features 10 3 3 1negation 10 3 3 2time reference 11 3 4 bin 12 4 conclusion 5 works cited 6 appendix 2 the roots of african american english geneva smitherman answers the question where the black language and style came from with the beginning of slavery in colonial america in 1619 a dutch vessel brought with a cargo twenty africans to jamestown virginia to work there as indentured servants the blacks where mostly brought from countries of the african west coast over the so called west passage to the colonies in america they were forced to work on the cash crop plantations harvesting tobacco cotton sugar and coffee because there is of course no tape recordings of the language the slaves spoke linguists have to rely on reconstructions of black talk based on indirect evidence written reproductions of the dialect in journals letters and diaries by whites african slaves developed a pidgin what smitherman calls a language of transaction used to communicate between themselves and the whites this pidgin developed over the years as a widespread creole among slaves it consisted of the west african words which were substituted little by little by english words but with the same basic language structures of west african languages these languages for example allow sentence constructions without the verb to be according to that sentences like he going still occur today in african american vernacular english environments because the american settlers did not speak standard british english as they came from ireland scotland and germany etc the slaves adopted certain features of the pidgin the settlers spoke to their creole especially in the south where a lot of irish settled a typical feature of irish phonology is wide spread words like red and hat are pronounced with diphthongs as re d and haat respectively which the blacks adopted to their language

written by the hugely respected linguist geneva smitherman this book presents a definitive statement on african american english enriched by her evocative and inimitable prose style the study presents an overview of past debates on the speech of african americans as well as providing a vision for the future featuring cartoons which demonstrate the relationship between language and race as well as common perceptions of african american language she explores its contribution to mainstream american english and includes a summary of expressions as a suggested linguistic core of aal as global manifestations of black language increase she argues that through education we must broaden our conception of aal and its speakers and further examine the implications of gender age and class on aal perhaps most of all we must appreciate the artistic and linguistic genius of aal presented in this book through rap and hip hop lyrics and the explorations of

rhyme and rhetoric in the black speech community word from the mother is an essential read for students of african american english language culture and sociolinguistics as well as the general reader interested in the worldwide crossover of black popular culture

language in the inner city firmly establishes african american vernacular english not simply as slang but as a well formed set of rules of pronunciation and grammar capable of conveying complex logic and reasoning and confirms the black vernacular as a separate and independent dialect of english

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