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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

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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 fur thermore 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 four i will present and discuss a concrete example of a text in which aave plays an important role namely in the short story the gilded six bits of zora neale hurston written in 1933 afterwards under point five i am going to talk about aave in rap and hiphop songs as there can be found a considerable number of this kind of music all around the world and under point 6 i will deal with the controversial question whether aave should be taught in

schools or not finally in the conclusion of my paper i would like to let the uniqueness of aave and the importance of recognizing seminar paper from the year 2009 in the subject american studies linguistics grade 1 0 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

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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

essay from the year 2007 in the subject american studies culture and applied geography grade 1 0 university of córdoba spain universidad de córdoba course sociolinguistics 8 entries in the bibliography 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 a

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

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

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

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bachelor thesis from the year 2011 in the subject english language and literature studies linguistics grade 2 0 justus liebig university giessen language english abstract this thesis investigates the use of african american vernacular english in contemporary music aave is an ethnic variety spoken by many though not all african americans living in the united states this dialect does not have one name only but is also called negro dialect nonstandard negro english black english black street speech black vernacular english black

vernacular english or african american english i would like to add that some terms are historical it is crucial to know that researchers call it differently because to a large degree it depends on the time he she conducted research on this topic today the dialect is either called african american vernacular english or african american english the words contemporary music in the title refer to hip hop this music genre was chosen to be investigated because out of the music genres african americans are involved in it is the one that generates most of the sales and is the most popular one the rappers which are going to be analyzed in this thesis use many of the features of the african american vernacular given the huge number of aave features only one of them will be analyzed the copula verb to be which in the following will only be called the copula according to wolfram the copula is one of the most often described structures of aave 2008 517 for this reason the copula might be an interesting feature to look at when researchers examined aave in the past they did not necessarily take music as a source of data but rather spoken language one has to know that language in music is a different genre of language use which differs from the usual use of the language music can be considered an artistic expression but not real speech nevertheless as music has always been and presumably will always be a big part in african american culture it should be possible to recognize features of aave and use music as a reliable source in the analysis conducted in this thesis the use of the copula will be examined by having a look at the lyrics of three famous rappers from the us tupac jay z and 50 cent even though the three of them can be assigned to gangsta rap they all differ from each other they all started their careers in different decades come from different cities and have a different style of rapping what they have in common is that they are african american rappers from a lower class who grew up in poverty and have become successful musicians

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in this pioneering exploration of african american slang a highly informal vocabulary and a significant aspect of african american english maciej widawski explores patterns of form meaning theme and function showing it to be a rule governed innovative and culturally revealing vernacular widawski s comprehensive description is based on a large database of contextual citations from

thousands of contemporary sources including literature and the press music film and television it also includes an alphabetical glossary of 1 500 representative slang expressions defined and illustrated by 4 500 usage examples due to its vast size the glossary can stand alone as a dictionary providing readers with a reliable reference of terms combining scholarship with user friendliness this book is an insightful and practical resource for students and researchers in linguistics as well as general readers interested in exploring lexical variation in contemporary english

seminar paper from the year 2016 in the subject english language and literature studies linguistics grade 1 0 course varieties of english new englishes language english abstract first of all this term paper will give some general information about the variety african american vernacular english itself its origins and who the speakers of aave are furthermore it will give an overview of some features of aave and finally the analysis of two of the features on different rap songs from the famous rapper snoop dogg the first feature that i will be looking at is zero copula and the second feature is the omission of the third person singular s in the present tense in this term paper i will investigate the occurrence of these two features in snoop dogg s lyrics from his first album doggystyle and his latest album bush and if they decreased or increased with time since music plays such a huge part in african american culture it should be possible to see these features of aave in the lyrics the analysis will contain 16 rap songs from snoop dogg s first album doggystyle from 1993 and 10 rap songs from his latest album bush from 2015 english is a language with many varieties and also one of the most spoken languages in the world the varieties of english are results of colonial expansion and may differ from each other in terms of pronunciation vocabulary and grammar african american vernacular english aave is the variety that people associate with as the

language used by the black community the additional term vernacular refers to the speech style in everyday communication and differentiates black african american vernacular english speakers from black speakers of standard english especially in rap and hip hop music the number of black performers is very high since it was introduced as a new music genre the style of language that is used in hip hop lyrics is highly influenced by the african americans aave is a variant of english that you can hear every day on the radio or television for example and that also makes it so interesting to analyze its use features and origin

there are various conflicting views surrounding the ebonics debate my research provides a historical background of african american vernacular english aave and its legitimacy as a valid language aave has allowed african americans to create a culture of survival in a euro american society aave has a cultural and historical significance in the african american community and its significance can be transferred into the classroom my research will encourage teachers to appreciate aave as a language not just as a dialect in the classroom i illustrate the positive effects of aave in the classroom and offer strategies to teachers that teach african american vernacular speakers aave cannot continue to be ignored as an illegitimate form of communication teachers need to respect students home language and culture and create a bridge in the classroom my research entails many different facets proving how african american vernacular english should be incorporated and valued in the english classroom

pre university paper from the year 2014 in the subject english language and literature studies linguistics grade 15 language english abstract african american english aave was first brought to the attention of linguists when in the 1960s the government realised that

african american aa children from urban ghettos were worse in school than white pupils to counteract this it financed compensation programmes in which aa children should be taught standard english se by means of structural drills and techniques adopted from foreign language learning when this approach failed linguists suggested that aa children only spoke a different dialect than white children and that consequently it would be necessary to teach them se as an additional dialect however this approach also failed because the failure of aa children in school seems to be a result of a cultural and social divide between aa and white american society of which separate dialects of english are only a symptom it will therefore be the aims of this paper to prove this belief wrong and prove that aave is indeed a rule governed language to investigate its origins and its use in zora neale hurston s most famous novel *their eyes were watching god*

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offers a set of diverse analyses of traditional and contemporary work on language structure and use in african american communities readings in african american language aspects features and perspectives volume 2 brings together scholars who research various theoretical approaches of the origin characteristics and development of african american vernacular english aave the advantages of aave codeswitching dialect interference in writing theories and politics in aave text analysis and critical pedagogy all are discussed in this volume each article provides a different perspective attesting to the vitality and relevance of african american language as an academic social and cultural linguistic entry in the field of language studies

presents a group of images of african americans in a variety of genres and poses while some of the sitters are celebrities the majority are unnamed americans posing for their photographic portrait this collection of about 1600 photographs dating from 1860 to 1960 spans a range of processes and formats postcards stereographs and more

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