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EBONICS AND ITS INFLUENCE ON THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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The relevance. The USA is one of the influential countries in the world. Slowly but surely Ebonics infiltrates in American English which has become more prevalent in the world than “classical” British English. This topic is really important not only for Americans but non-native speakers as us because it affects the English language in general. And as people interested in the development of the English language and just wishing to feel ourselves more comfortable talking to native speakers and understanding the language, we need to give insight of Ebonics and examine all the pro’s and con’s of its usage.

The aim. The aim of the project is to form a concept of “Ebonics” with people them to know what origin many of the words they often hear have and to determine the role of Ebonics in American English and its influence

The materials and the methods. To examine this issue I searched for the necessary foreign literature and looked it through using the Internet; analyzing lyrics of different songs, translate them into “classical” English to see the difference; browsed for some videos which were referred to Ebonics; by using Facebook and Whatsapp messenger I’ve got acquainted with a native-speaker to communicate with him and to make sure Americans do use African American Vernacular English, looked through personal pages of some Americans; conducted a statistical study among students at the age from 18 to 25 from different Universities of our city to know whether they know something about Ebonics .

The results and its discussion. The cultural impact of Ebonics is real and not debatable. In a modern English-speaking society, with which we usually face in such spheres as media, music cinema etc., African American Vernacular English is almost everywhere. African-Americans do speak Ebonics in daily life and thereby spread it among the American Nation. According to the results of my statistic study I’ve come to conclusion that most Belarusian students are not competent in this question.