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 American English (AAE). This term is used in this text for a wide
 range of language varieties used by Black people in the United
 States of America. That means that AAE is to be regarded as a
 dialect of this ethnic group and not as an independent language.
 While most speakers of this variety (80 to 90 percent) use some
 form of African-American Vernacular English (AAVE), there are
 some areas where parts of the Black population speak a semi-
 creole, like Gullah, which is spoken in rural areas of South
 Carolina and Georgia. This text, however, will only deal with AAE
 in general, starting with the development of this variety. After
 that, the main and most wide-spread linguistic features will
 be discussed. The essay will end with the description of recent issues
 concerning AAE and Afro-American culture in U.S. society as...



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