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1. What is Chicano English? What are some of the misperceptions about it?
2. What is the objective of "American English Mastery" program? What are some of the features that Daniel Russell (the teacher at PS100 in Watts) attempts to teach with respect to the differences between mainstream American and AAVE?
3. What are some of the Californian expressions for "bad" in Amy Heckerling's (the movie writer) list?
4. "Clueless" satirizes California teen talk. In what ways did the movie influence mainstream American English?
5. What do the following words mean? Illustrate the meaning in a phrase/sentence.  
*tight*: \_\_\_\_\_  
*uber*: \_\_\_\_\_  
*fob*: \_\_\_\_\_  
*word*: \_\_\_\_\_  
*to nail*: \_\_\_\_\_
6. According to Carmen Fought, words that have [u] and [o] is undergoing change in California English. What kind of a sound shift is it? Give examples.
7. What sort of a function does "I'm all" have in California English? Give examples.
8. How do surfers, skateboarders, snowboarders, etc. create their own language? How does their special language make it into the mainstream culture?

9. What is the analogy drawn for the status and use of the word “queer” in American English? Are there any words in German that have a similar status?
  
10. Do you think computerized/synthesized voices reinforce stereotypical perceptions about certain varieties? Can they be used to erase such stereotypes? How?
  
11. Do you think voice activated computers will eventually force Americans to sound like CNN reporters? Compare this with what was said about the influence of television on American English.

Synthesizing Episodes 2, 3 and beyond:

12. How can you use the observed change from “Rural African American English” to today’s AAVE as evidence against the idea that Americans talk more alike, not less?
  
13. How would you characterize “Texas English” as opposed to “California English”? Which one is more likely to have a profound effect on mainstream American English? Why?
  
13. Are there any varieties of German that are comparable to “California English” and Southern English? In what ways are they similar?