

Home Assignment 1

Due by 5 PM, October 25 (to be sent to instructor via E-mail)

1. Watch a western movie about the American West and collect 10 vocabulary items that have originated in the “Wild West.” Check in a sufficiently large American dictionary to provide the definition of each vocabulary item. (Required reading, chapter 3)
2. Take a detailed map of the United States that gives the names of all the place names. Choose a state and examine naming practices there. Give an analysis in light of what you read in Chapter 3 of the required reading of the course.
3. Choose a novel by an American author and try to find linguistic regionalisms in the book. Use an American dictionary that provides information on regional use. (Required reading, chapter 4)
4. Read up on “Ebonics,” give a summary and your opinion about the issue. (Required reading, chapter 7)