

Let My Voice Shine: A Close Look at SAE & The Uplifting of AAVE

What is SAE?

Standard American English is a variety of English that is privileged by those who historically hold power in both academia and society

“Burning Down The House (And Returning the Land)”

This thought above means the deconstruction of SAE and allowing for identity to flourish within writing and speech through AAVE usage.

Returning the land starts with us tutors and our level of education on the topic.

The Beauty of Code-Meshing

Code-switching is the practice of alternating between two or more languages or varieties of language in conversation.

AAVE finds itself deeply attached to the identity of writers because it is what they oftentimes have experienced at their most comfortable for years. It is often how they talk within their homes prior to their requirement to conform to SAE. Such conformity has even affected me.

Code-meshing is an alternative vision of language to teachers, one that integrates academic English with their own dialects.

What is AAVE?

African-American Vernacular English (AAVE) is systematic and important as an identity marker and expressive resource for its speakers.

Why It Deserves Appreciation

AAVE for so long has been reprimanded and labeled as the “incorrect way to speak”. This stereotypical narrative requires change as AAVE’s attachment to the identification of black culture is one that requires affection.