

Assignment #6

Language in the Community

Due **Friday, April 6** in class.

The purpose of this assignment is that you describe language within other aspects of the speech community that you are working on.

For this assignment you need to describe the linguistic situation within other aspects of the community that you are working on. Some examples of these 'other aspects' are: language and education, language and politics, language in the media, language in legal settings, language maintenance/shift/death, or language attitudes.

Your paper should contain:

- a. A description of the issue of your choice in general, including a discussion of why this aspect is worth discussing, i.e. why is it important to discuss this issue in general and within your speech community (For example, what is the relationship between language and education in general and why is it necessary to talk about it; or what is the relationship between language and politics, why do we talk about them together, why is language an issue in politics, at least in some cases.)
- b. some general information about the speech community and the language of its members (info such as geographic location, language(s) that they speak, number of members, etc.)
- c. a brief discussion of why it is important to discuss this issue within your speech community, what the role of language is in that aspect of your speech community, what the situation is, and if necessary, a brief discussion of what the situation used to be at an earlier time in the history of your speech community
- d. a brief conclusion

If you have questions, or doubts as to what may be considered 'other aspects', or if you are not sure how to organize the paper TALK TO ME.

Your work should be typed, double-spaced, font no smaller than 11 points, with 1-inch margins on all sides.