

Today in class

- Announcements/resources
- Week plan
- McWhorter on pidgins and creoles

break

- PB peer review

McWhorter

- Why and how do pidgins come into being?
- How do creoles come into being and develop?
- How is a creole different from a pidgin?
- What are Englishes to Standard English?

‘pidgin’

pidgin: a language containing lexical and other features from two or more languages, characteristically with simplified grammar and a smaller vocabulary than the languages from which it is derived, *used for communication between people not having a common language*; a lingua franca.

(OED)

‘creole’

Creolization is the process by which one or more pidginized variants of a language (emerging from an initial multilingual contact situation. . .) are extended in domains of use and in the range of communicative and expressive functions they must serve. Frequently, but not necessarily, this process is associated with native use by children born into the contact situation. The pidginized variants are assumed to undergo *complication* and *expansion* of linguistic resources in the process, and the term *creole* may be used for any new stable variety that results from this process.

(John Rickford)

PB peer review

- Re-read the Project Babel assignment.
- Each project gets 15-20 minutes for presentation and discussion of
 1. How could it more fully or effectively meet the requirements of the assignment?
 2. What remaining logistical issues need to be decided before proceeding with the project? (For example: What file format will you output your video essay in? How large will the work be? Etc.)
 3. How might the project be developed to demonstrate the “appropriate risk-taking, originality, variety, and/or creativity” characteristic of a term project in an outstanding final portfolio?
- Take notes on the feedback you get so that you leave today with a plan!

for Wednesday

- Review reading
- Post responses to microessays to the discussion board by 9pm Tuesday
- Read the discussion board before class
- Bring 1 or 2 questions for discussion written on index cards