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Rhetorical situation worksheet : The Problem of Linguistic Double Consciousness

AUTHOR:

It was written by Vershawn Ashanti Young who is an associate professor of drama and speech communication at the University of Waterloo.

Best known for developing the concept of code meshing, which he defines in his 2009 JAC article "Nah, We Straight". He wants to show the issue and problems with code switching.

CONTEXT

This text is responding to the use of English and why the one that white people talk should be the one we are to speak. What is pushing this occasion is WEB Du Bois' Talkin and describing this process as double consciousness.

ARGUMENT AND PURPOSE:

The main idea that the author is trying to say is that there should be 2 English languages and people shouldn't be pushed away to speak only one of them.

He takes a protective stance and by publishing this text he wants to give more awareness to the youth of America. He wants to achieve the idea of both the languages being spoken and not only one of them.

SUPPORT

He used the Plessey vs the Fergusson case to show that even though they ended racial segregation its still happening but in a more political way.

He also uses the piano in comparison to how you cannot just play the white notes and expect to have a full song.

TEXT

This is an argumentative essay which also relates to the reading as he takes a stance to protect them and even provides different explanations and metaphors to convey his idea.

AUDIENCE

The audience is this text is mostly the black americans as how he's trying to get them to stand up to themselves

RHETORICAL STRATEGIES

He uses comparison (the piano)

He uses metaphor

He also use imagery (the pictures shown in the reading)

CITATION

N/A

RESPONSE

This text makes me feel like as much as we want to say we have moved on we still as stuck to the roots before its just that now it's more hidden .

Something that bothers me is how politicians try to hide most of the facts to the people to push them away from a certain opinion. A question I have is how far are the politics going to control peoples lives ?