INDV101: MIND, SELF AND LANGUAGE

Homework 5: Sociolinguistic Analysis (Due on January 3, 2005 Monday) --
This homework with a total of **100 points** is worth **6%** of your final grade.

NAME: ________________________

Answer only **ONE** of the sets of questions. You will need at least 2 pages TYPED, double-spaced to answer the questions adequately.

**Set One:**

Ask **TWO** of your friends or family the following questions about the varieties of English that they are familiar with:

1) What is the geographical area whose people, in your opinion, speak the least attractive or least pleasant type of English? You may base your answer on accent, slang, or any other criteria you can think of.

2) Next, what is the geographical area whose people speak the most attractive or most pleasant type of English?

3) Finally, what are the typical characteristics that you associate with the people who speak those varieties of English?

After you describe their answers, explain in the homework what the information tells you about normal people's (**people who haven't taken linguistics!**) attitudes about language varieties.

**Set Two:**

If you are an international student speaking a language other than English (or if you are familiar with the sociology of a certain language other than English), write about the linguistic situation in your country. What are the languages that people use? How many different languages/dialects are there? Are the languages/dialects mutually intelligible? Are the languages used in different situations? What kinds of language attitudes do people have associated with these languages and dialects?