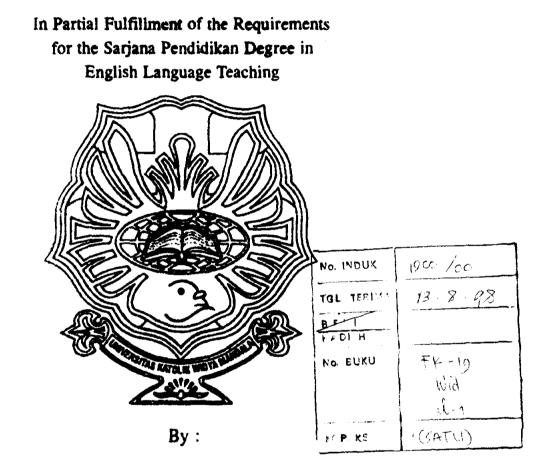
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ABSTRACT

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This study analysed the language variations used by Huckleberry Finn to other characters found in Mark Twain's novel <u>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</u>. The study under report attempted to answer the following research questions: (1) what language variations does Huckleberry Finn use in talking with other characters?, (2) what non-standard English patterns does Huckleberry Finn use in talking with other characters?, and (3) In what context does he uses each variations in talking with other characters?

The data were taken from Mark Twain's novel entitled <u>The Adventures of</u> <u>Huckleberry Finn</u> and were analysed using the parameters of language variations (standard and non standard English), the contexts (to whom, place, and time), social distance, social status and role of the hearer, topic, and functional scales.

The data analysis brought forward the following findings: (a) the language variations that are used by Huckleberry Finn are standard English and non standard English. (b) the non standard English forms that are used by Huckleberry Finn are (1) the absence of agreement between adjective quantifier and nouns, (2) the absence of the third person marker in verbs showing present tense, (3) the absence of agreement between nouns and verbs (plural or singular), (4) the absence of copula be, (5) the use of double negation, (6) the use of 'ain't' or ' hain't', and (7) consonant cluster simplification (c) Huckleberry Finn uses the standard English when he is talking with (1) close or intimate friends, (2) Jim, an uneducated nigger who comes from a lower social class, and (3) stangers, (4) in informal settings, and (5) about casual or daily topics. While he uses non-standard English when he is talking with (1) close or intimate friends, (2) Jim, an uneducated nigger who comes from a lower social class, (3) Judge Thatcher, an educated person who comes from a higher social class, and (4) strangers, (5) in formal and informal settings, and (6) about casual or daily topics.

As the writer realises that this study is not perfect and there must be several shortcomings, it is suggested that future research on language variations be done.