**Hate Language Workshop**

1. With a partner, brainstorm all the types of hate language you hear in a day: this could be in the school, online, in the media, in music, etc. This can be really, really awkward, so I will start you off!

**CUNT NIGGER BITCH PUSSY**

1. Do you know where and how the word “nigger” originated? (scroll down to see the answer)
2. Homework: Create a chart in which you attempt to “collect” the hate language you are exposed to on a daily basis. You don’t need to draw attention to it if you are uncomfortable or unsafe to do so. But record how many words you here in one column. In the next column, describe the context: how was it used? What tone? In the third column, look up a fact associated with this word. **Due Thursday.**

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| **Word** | **Context** | **Fact** |
| **bitch** | Young females at a violence against women conference talking about sex and gossiping. Used to denote friendship but also shock, as in “*Bitch*, I can’t believe you didn’t tell me that.” | * a difficult or unpleasant situation or thing.   "the stove is a bitch to fix"  Similar: nightmare, bastard, bummer, swine, pig   * express displeasure; grumble.   "they **bitch about** everything"   * Origin: Germanic to Old English: *bicce* * From [*\*bikjaną*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Reconstruction:Proto-Germanic/bikjan%C4%85) (“to thrust, attack”) (compare [Old Norse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Norse) *[bikkja](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/bikkja" \l "Old_Norse" \o "bikkja)* (“plunge into water”), [Dutch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutch_language) [*bikken*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/bikken#Dutch) (“to hack”)).  1. A [promiscuous](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/promiscuous) woman, [slut](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/slut), [whore](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/whore) 2. A [despicable](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/despicable) or [disagreeable](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/disagreeable), [aggressive](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/aggressive) [person](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/person), [usually](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/usually) a [woman](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/woman) [ 15th c.] 3. A [man](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/man#Noun) [considered](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/consider) [weak](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/weak), [effeminate](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/effeminate), [timid](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/timid) or [pathetic](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/pathetic) in some way 4. A [submissive](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/submissive) [person](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/person) who [does](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/does) what [others](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/others) [want](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/want); (*prison*[*slang*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Appendix:Glossary#slang)) a [man](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/man) [forced](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/forced) or [coerced](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/coerced) into a [homoerotic](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/homoerotic) [relationship](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/relationship). 5. ([*humorous*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/humorous),[*vulgar*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Appendix:Glossary#vulgar),[*colloquial*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Appendix:Glossary#colloquial),*used with a*[*possessive pronoun*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/possessive_pronoun)) Friend. [from the 20th c]   *What’s up, my****bitch****?*  *How my****bitches****been doin'?*   1. Something unforgiving and unpleasant.   *Karma's a****bitch****.*   1. ([*vulgar*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Appendix:Glossary#vulgar),[*informal*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Appendix:Glossary#informal),[*slang*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Appendix:Glossary#slang)) [Place](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/place); [situation](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/situation)   *I'm 'bout to get up [outta](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/outta" \o "outta) this****bitch****.*  **Alternative forms:** [biyatch](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/biyatch#English)/[biyotch](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/biyotch" \o "biyotch); [beeyatch](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/beeyatch#English)/[beeyotch](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/beeyotch" \o "beeyotch) |

**Next class (Thursday):**

1. When are words considered “reclaimed” and when are they considered “appropriated”?

**Read article:**

<https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2018/12/30/2018-slang-words-appropriation_a_23629985/>

**Note:** Those of you interested in linguistics may decide to follow this train of thought and exploration into your Inquiry project after Spring Break.

*“Nigger”: From the latin root, “denigrare”, source of “negro”, “noir” and “nero”. Originally meant “to blacken something”; later, to “defame or belittle”. The word was used to reinforce the notion that people of African descent were somewhat less than human, not quite a “man” or a “woman”, something more like cattle.*