

Thomas, Lee and Stephen Tchudi. The English Language: An Owner's Manual. Needham Heights, MA: Allyn and Bacon, 1999.

*This book highlights the importance of our language and the complexities of it. Chapter 9 deals specifically with dialects, the varieties in our language, and registers. It starts out the chapter defining a few key words, so a complete understanding of dialects can be grasped. It then goes into explaining why language variations (dialects) exist. A few of the key reasons are isolation, ethnicity, and the multitude of varieties in the English language. Geographic regions, social settings, and ethnic backgrounds should also be taken into consideration when examining dialects.*

*This book is similar to Petyt's book because they both give background information on dialects. The article by Hamilton and Gilsdorf ("Standard Englishes and World Englishes...") relate to this book by providing real world examples of dialect in the workplace and in the geographic regions of United States.*