Urban Dictionary definitions for Ebonics

This assignment deals with folk linguistic attitudes and perceptions of African American English, as represented on the public internet site *Urban Dictionary*. Urban Dictionary is a website where users post definitions of slang and other terms. It has a listing for the term *Ebonics*, with dozens of definitions posted. You will need to visit the site for this part of the assignment.


Unfortunately, a lot of the folk linguistic attitudes that people express online are hateful, hurtful, and ignorant. **Please be warned: a lot of the definitions are highly offensive.**

1. A lot of the posts contain attempts at exemplifying African American English. Using what you have learned in class and in the readings, find 4 posts that clearly misrepresent AAE. For each one, say what the problem is, and whether it’s a phonological, morphological, syntactic, or lexical misrepresentation, using examples (12 points – 3 per example)

2. Among the 4 examples you provide, as well as others, is any particular linguistic feature highlighted (3 points)? What is your overall impression of the attitudes you see on this website (3 points)?