# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

# Chapter 5: Language as a Barrier

1. Evaluate Steven Pinker’s criticism of Sapir-Whorf.
2. Mandarin Chinese has more speakers worldwide than English. Why has English then been labeled as a threat to other cultures?
3. Can a strong nation exist when cultures within cultures each have a unique language?
4. Develop arguments for both sides of the *Lau v. Nichols* (1974) case.
5. What arguments can be raised for and against official language laws?