



British Culture

An Introduction

How many countries make up the United Kingdom?

- **Answer: Four**
 - England
 - Scotland
 - Wales
 - Northern Ireland



What is the current currency of The United Kingdom?

- The Pound
- Although the UK joined the Eurozone in 1999, the country has not switched to the Euro. This has helped the Pound stay strong,
 - \$1 = € .77
 - \$1 = £.64
 - €1 = £.83
 - So for example, if you like to buy a pizza for €258, you would be paying \$258.



Who is the current Monarch?

- Queen Elizabeth II—not to be confused with the Virgin Queen Elizabeth of the Elizabethan/Shakespearean age.
- Next in line to the throne?
 - Prince Charles
- Then?
 - Prince William



Where does the monarch OFFICIALLY reside?

- Buckingham Palace



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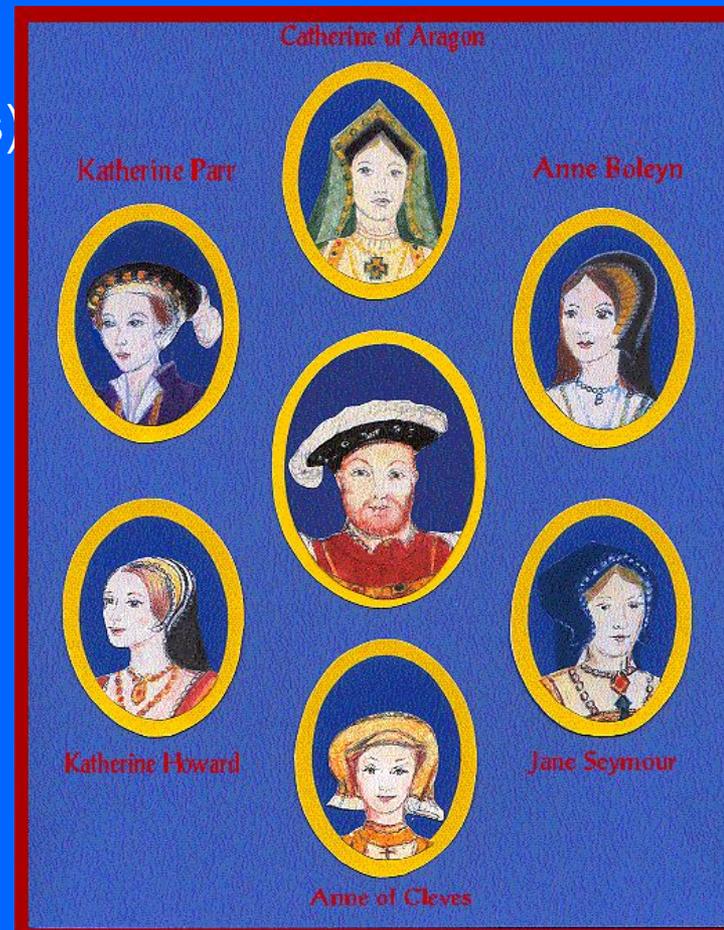
What Centuries did William Shakespeare Live?

- 16th and 17th; baptized in 1564, died in 1616.
 - Apprx. 38 plays
 - 154 sonnets
 - Other prominent works



How many times did King Henry VIII get married? What is the name of at least one of his wives?

- Six times
- His wives include (in this order)...
 - Catherine of Aragon (Spanish Princess)
 - Divorced
 - Anne Boleyn (mother of Elizabeth I)
 - Executed
 - Jane Seymore
 - Died
 - Anne of Cleves
 - Divorced
 - Kathryn Howard
 - Executed
 - Katherine Parr
 - Widowed



What are the two largest political parties in the UK?

- Conservative
- Labour



Where are the crown jewels kept?

- The Tower of London
 - Most haunted
 - Former prisoners



Where were the Beatles from?

- Liverpool



Who is Nessie and where does she reside?

- Loch Ness Monster; Loch Ness (lake in Scotland)



What is a Double Decker?

- A two story bus



St. George is the patron saint of England—what is he famous for killing?

- A dragon



What is the most popular food in Britain?

- Fish and chips



Most famous timepiece?

- Big Ben



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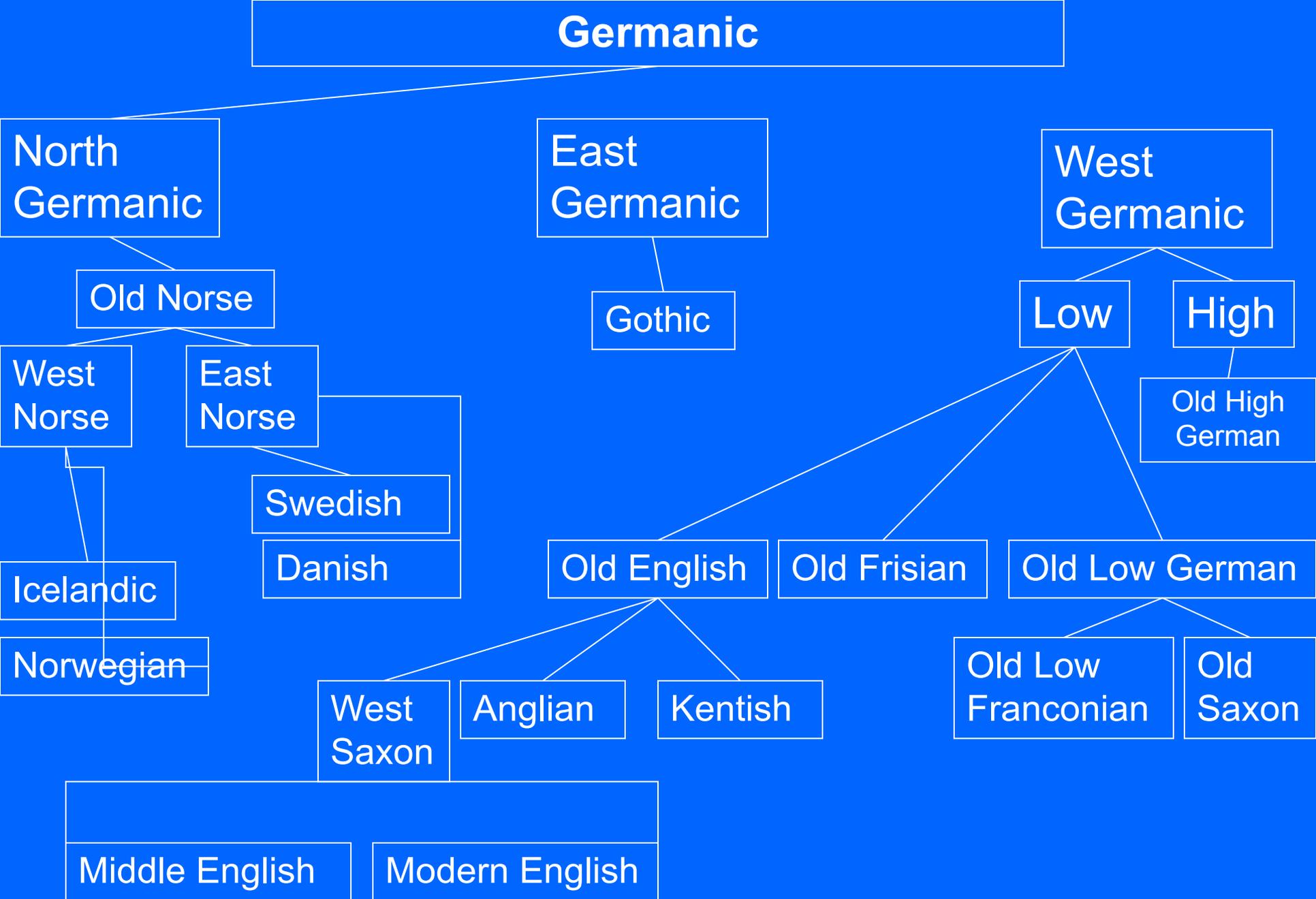
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Old English

- **Old English** has different LETTERS.
- "Thorn" (þ or þ)
 - Cloth (**cláþ**)
 - Thin
- The letter "eth" (ð)
 - Clothes
 - Then
- Old English does not require a specific word order, the way Middle and Modern English do.
- Instead, OE uses **declensions** (little endings stuck on the end of nouns)

Middle English

- Spelling has not yet been formalized in a systematic way, and many Latinate terms have entered English through intermediary French influences under the Norman conquerors in 1066.

Early Modern English

- Shakespeare's day
 - *thou/you*,
 - *thy/your*,
 - *thine/yours*,
 - Shakespeare's alphabet in the early modern is practically identical to ours
 - Doesn't yet have identical punctuation conventions to ours. For instance, the exclamation mark still wasn't invented in 1590.

Vocabulary List # 1 Assignment

- Using the dictionary, look up all the words for vocabulary list # 1