

Современная англоязычная литература: интерпретация текста



Britain 1950-the present: Peace and Prosperity

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Consumer society

2

Free secondary schooling

3

Emergence of youth culture

4

Large-Scale Immigration

5

Tolerant attitude to social,
religious and ethnic diversity



- Match the events on the left with appropriate dates on the right.

Events

- Trade Union unrest
- Thatcher Government
- At war with international allies
- Economic depression
- Rapid social change

Decades

- 60s
- 70s
- 70-80s
- 90s
- 70s

MAIN EVENTS: BRITAIN

1950 - the present

- **1945** End of the Second World War
- **1952** George VI dies; his daughter becomes Queen Elizabeth II
- **1953** Ian Fleming publishes *Casino Royale*, the first James Bond book
- **1956** Suez Crisis - Britain and France invade Egypt after the Suez Canal is nationalised, but are forced to withdraw under American pressure

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1950 - the present

- **1973** The United Kingdom joins the European Economic Community
- **1979** The Conservatives win the General Election and Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's first female Prime Minister
- **1982** The Falklands War – Britain retakes the Falkland Islands following Argentinean invasion
- **1984** Mass coal miners' strike sees more violence in Britain. The IRA tries to murder the Cabinet by planting a bomb in the Grand Hotel, Brighton; five people are killed. Unemployment exceeds 3 million.

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1950 - the present

- **1985** First mobile phone in Britain. On New Year's Day 1985, Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman of Racal Vodafone, was called by his son Michael, who said: "Hi, it's Mike. Happy New Year. This is the first-ever call on a UK mobile network"
- **1990** Margaret Thatcher resigns as Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative Party. She is replaced by John Major
- **1997** Tony Blair leads Labour to victory in the General Election after 18 years of Conservative government. Diana, Princess of Wales, is killed in a car crash in Paris

THE US 1950-the present: A new beginning

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Baby boom

2

Feminist movement

3

Civil rights movement

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Multinationals: globalization of
the world's economy

5

Cold War



Literary Background: The World of English

- Quantity
- Quality
- Diversity

