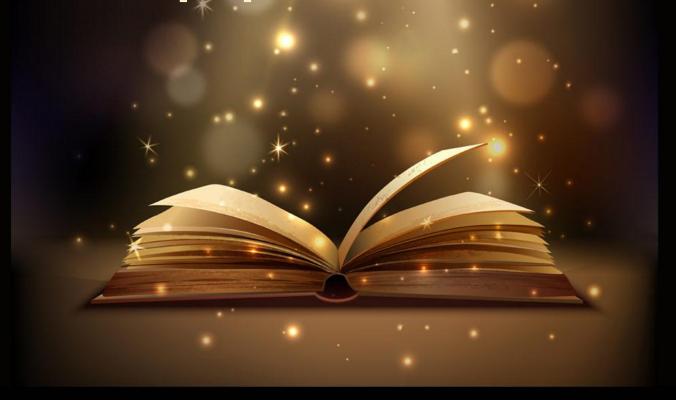
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Britain 1950-the present: Peace and Prosperity

1 Consumer society

2 Free secondary schooling

Emergence of youth culture

4 Large-Scale Immigration

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

MAIN EVENTS: BRITAIN 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.

MAIN EVENTS: BRITAIN 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

1 Baby boom

2 Feminist movement

Civil rights movement

Multinationals: globalization of the world's economy

5 Cold War



Literary Background: The World of English

- Quantity
- Quality
- Diversity