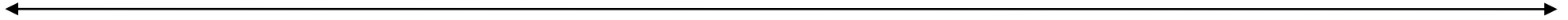


Language on the Island of Britain

bronze age 43-407 449 787 1066 1204 1337-1453 1348-1350 1476 1500 1550



pre-English in Britain (bronze age to 449)

the development of Old English (450-1100)

the shift to Middle English (1100-1500)

the evolution toward Modern English (1500-present)

Old English vocabulary

historical period: before 12th century

loaning language: German

- basic emotions
- simple descriptive adjectives
- everyday verbs
- household objects
- animals

Middle English vocabulary

historical period: 13 and 14th century

loaning language: French

- military
- religion
- government
- civilized behavior
- food

Modern English vocabulary

historical period: after 1500

loaning languages: Latin, Greek,
languages of colonized countries

- science
- technology
- learning
- exploration & colonization