

English 12: British Literature and Composition
***A Living Language* video response**

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Part 1

1. The English language is part of the _____ - _____ language family.

2. _____ - _____ were the peoples who settled the land known as *Engla land* and were most responsible for the development of the English language.

3. The adaptability of the English language was proved by the introduction of more than nine hundred words by the _____.

4. As a result of the Norman Conquest in 1066, the official language of England became _____, but the common people spoke English.

5. The English language had changed the way it formed _____ and had stopped using masculine and feminine genders by the time the language was referred to as _____.

6. _____, the most famous writer of the Medieval Period, wrote in common spoken English.

7. Literacy and standardization of the English language were a result of the _____.

8. Between 1500 and 1600, a major change in the development of English occurred that is known as the _____.

9. The change from long vowel sounds to short ones is reflected in the language of _____. Though the language may sound foreign and old, it is actually called _____.

Part 2

10. The romance languages (French, Italian, and Spanish) are derived from _____.

11. The spread of the English language throughout the world is a lasting effect of the British Empire's _____.

12. The most likely language of the 21st century's global community is _____ - _____.

13. One country besides England and the United States where English is the primary language is _____.

14. One of the greatest strengths of the English language is its _____.