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The History of English in Ten Minutes Part 1, 2, & 3 – Notes

Part 1:

Germanic tribes such as the Angles and Saxons arrived in Britain after the Romans left.

The Anglo-Saxons brought words for everyday items such as _____, _____, and _____.

Four days of the week were named for Anglo-Saxon (German) gods:

Christian missionaries also brought new Latin words to Britain including: _____, _____, _____.

When the Vikings arrived in Britain, they brought action words such as _____, _____, and _____, as well as other words such as _____ and _____.

Part 2: The Norman Conquest

In 1066 the Norman king William the Conqueror invades Britain from France and brings a lot of French (Norman) words. Some of the French words included _____, _____, _____, and _____.

Some words have two versions – an English version that was used by the British farmers, and a French version that was popular among the British nobles.

English origin word	French origin word

The English absorbed about _____ new words from the Norman French.

Part 3: Shakespeare’s English

The British playwright invented about _____ new words and phrases.

Some of these words include: _____,
_____, _____, and _____.

Shakespeare also coined many expressions and catchphrases. Some of these include:

<i>Expression from Shakespeare’s literature:</i>	<i>What it means:</i>