



# **British Culture**

An Introduction

# How many countries make up the United Kingdom?

- **Answer: Four**
  - England
  - Scotland
  - Wales
  - Northern Ireland



# What is the current currency of The United Kingdom?

- The Pound
- Although the UK joined the Eurozone in 1999, the country has not switched to the Euro. This has helped the Pound stay strong,
  - $\$1 = \text{€} .77$
  - $\$1 = \text{£} .64$
  - $\text{€}1 = \text{£} .83$
  - So for example, if you like to buy a pizza for £200 you would be paying \$258.



# Who is the current Monarch?

- Queen Elizabeth II—not to be confused with the Virgin Queen Elizabeth of the Elizabethan/Shakespearean age.
- Next in line to the throne?
  - Prince Charles
- Then?
  - Prince William



# Where does the monarch OFFICIALLY reside?

- Buckingham Palace



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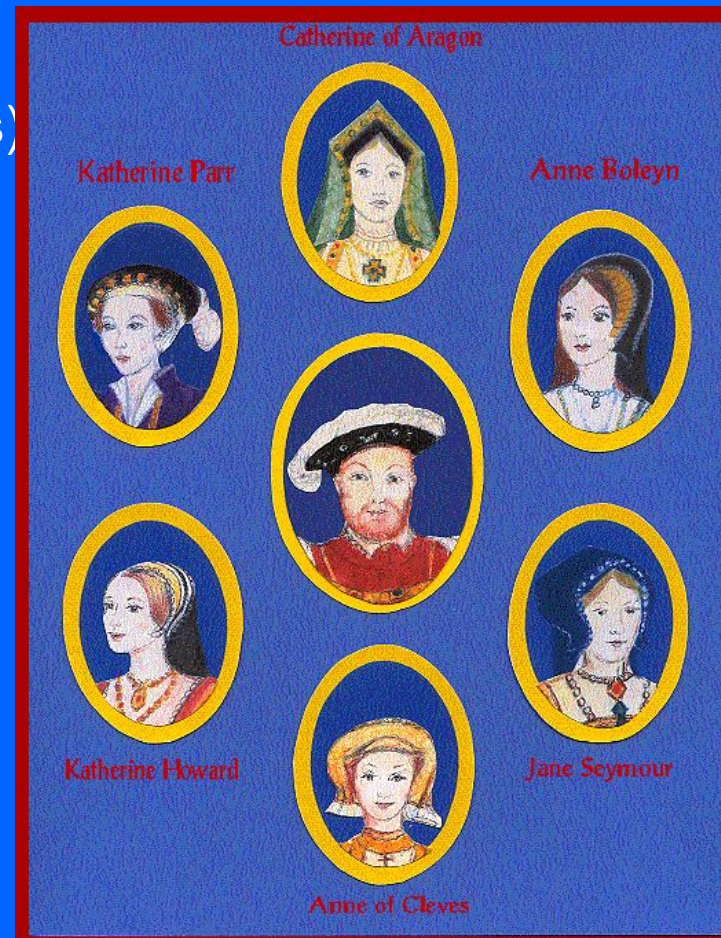
# What Centuries did William Shakespeare Live?

- 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>; baptized in 1564, died in 1616.
  - Apprx. 38 plays
  - 154 sonnets
  - Other prominent works



# How many times did King Henry VIII get married? What is the name of at least one of his wives?

- Six times
- His wives include (in this order)...
  - Catherine of Aragon (Spanish Princess)
    - Divorced
  - Anne Boleyn (mother of Elizabeth I)
    - Executed
  - Jane Seymore
    - Died
  - Anne of Cleves
    - Divorced
  - Kathryn Howard
    - Executed
  - Katherine Parr
    - Widowed





# What are the two largest political parties in the UK?

- Conservative
- Labour



# Where are the crown jewels kept?

- The Tower of London
  - Most haunted
  - Former prisoners



# Where were the Beatles from?

- Liverpool



# Who is Nessie and where does she reside?

- Loch Ness Monster; Loch Ness (lake in Scotland)



# What is a Double Decker?

- A two story bus



St. George is the patron saint of England—what is he famous for killing?

- A dragon



# What is the most popular food in Britain?

- Fish and chips



# Most famous timepiece?

- Big Ben





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# Proto Indo European

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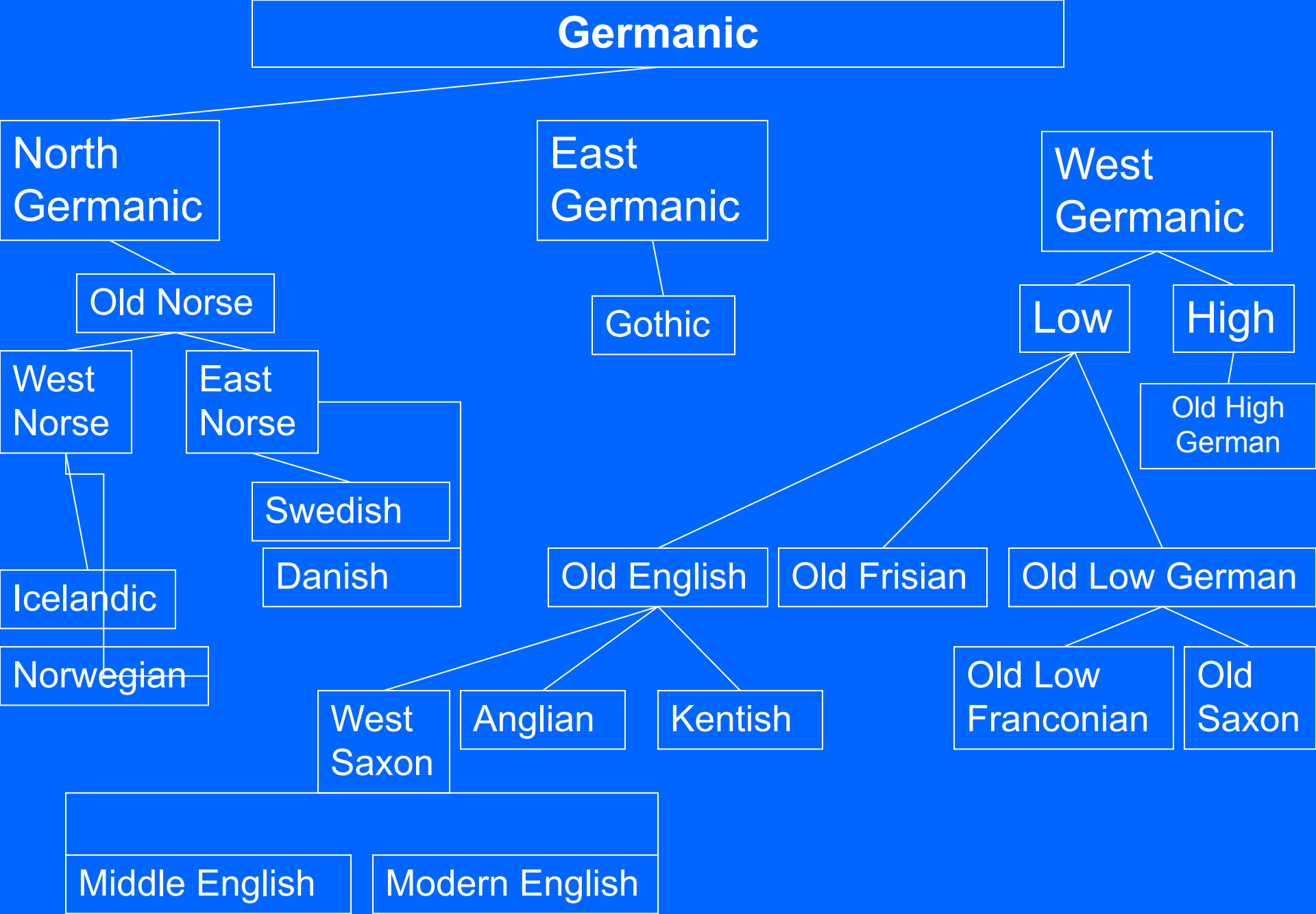
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# Old English

- **Old English** has different LETTERS.
- "Thorn" (þ or þ)
  - Cloth (**cláþ**)
  - Thin
- The letter "eth" (ð)
  - Clothes
  - Then
- Old English does not require a specific word order, the way Middle and Modern English do.
- Instead, OE uses **declensions** (little endings stuck on the end of nouns)

# Middle English

- Spelling has not yet been formalized in a systematic way, and many Latinate terms have entered English through intermediary French influences under the Norman conquerors in 1066.

# Early Modern English

- Shakespeare's day
  - *thou/you*,
  - *thy/your*,
  - *thine/yours*,
  - Shakespeare's alphabet in the early modern is practically identical to ours
  - Doesn't yet have identical punctuation conventions to ours. For instance, the exclamation mark still wasn't invented in 1590.

# Vocabulary List # 1 Assignment

- Using the dictionary, look up all the words for vocabulary list # 1