英语简史

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一个人不知道自己的身世是痛苦的，学习一种语言却不知道其来源也是痛苦的。记英语单词是痛苦的，让中国的学生们永远不知道为何记单词这么痛苦那是更残忍的一件事。单词难记的源头在哪里——请留心收看回答这个问题前不得不讲的必修课——英语简史。

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1. Why it is good to know about the history of English?

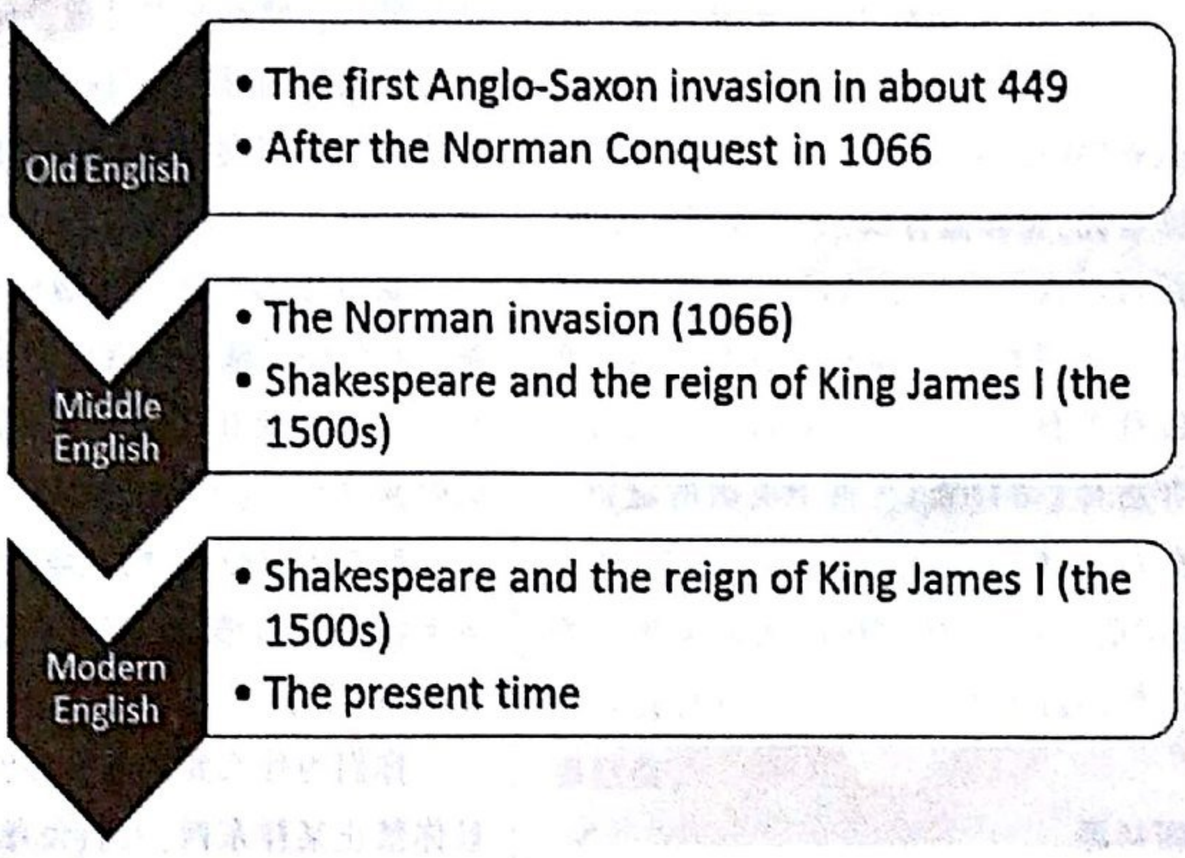
"So many people are studying English but almost the same many of them do not know how to describe English and where it is coming from, as I've sadly found out."

"A good start of studying a foreign language is to know more about its history and development stages. This will definitely enhance one's interests as well as confidence to learn. " (Sim Yang)

2. Some facts about English

1. In fact, English is a transplanted variety of old Germanic.
2. English is considered a "borrowing" language.
3. The development of English is closely associated with the history of the many invasions of England.
4. The term English is an arbitrary one. The language could have as easily ended up being called Anglo-Saxon or Germanic.
5. The earliest inhabitants of What is now Britain, dating back to around 400 BC, were Celtic peoples.
6. The earliest foreign invaders of England were the Romans who first occupied the islands in about 55 BC.
7. In the 870s in Wessex, Alfred the Great became King and united the various groups as a nation with a culture and language—English.
8. The Norman Conquest triggered the transformation of English vocabulary.
9. Though Geoffrey Chaucer gave English its first push onto the English stage, it was William Shakespeare's genius that crafted the explosion of English vocabulary that has made it such an expressive language.

3. Different English periods



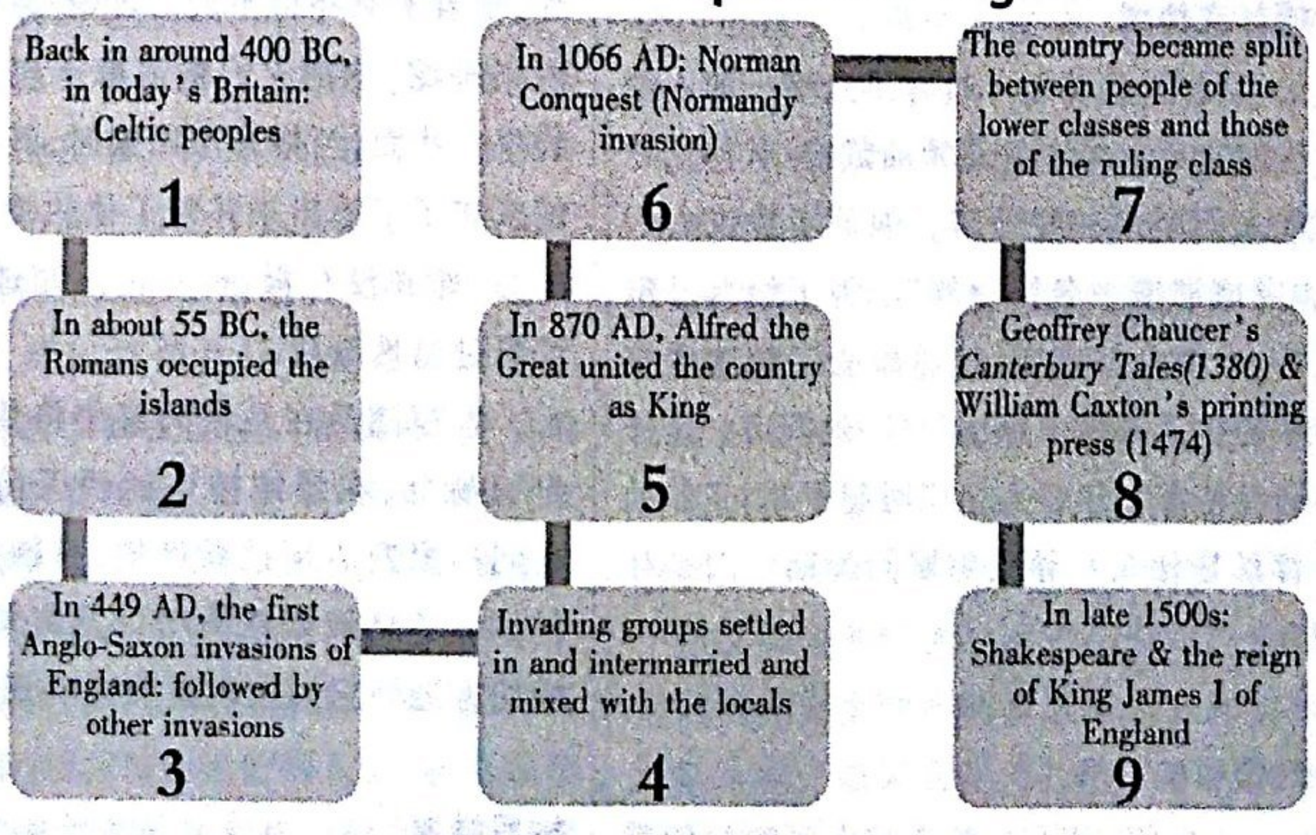
4. Is the English we speak modern English forever?

One may wonder if one day our grand-, grand-, grand-, grandchildren will be studying the archaic way we speak now and referring to their own variety of English as post-modern English.

One thing we know for certain, all languages change and some day the way we speak now will be considered old-fashioned.

Therefore, we should not view language as a stationery object, but something ever-evolving and developing; we need to have a discerning eye to see this.

5. Stories related to the development of English



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