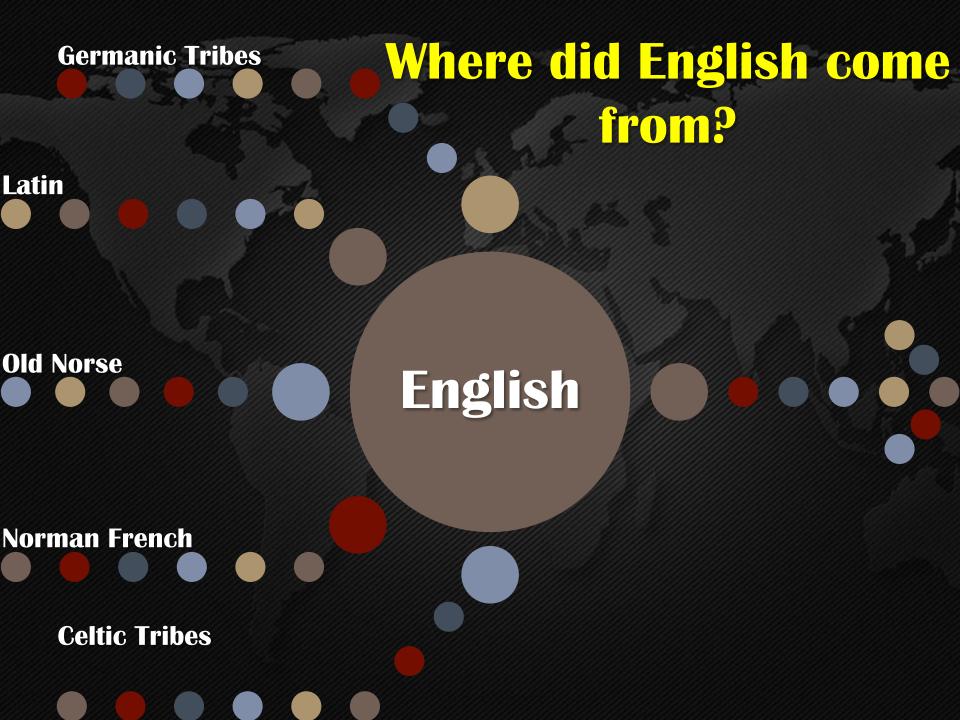
## **The English Language**

### **Section A: The Origins of English**

# **Review:** What language family and language branch is English a part of?

### The Origins of the English Language



# Old English450CE-1100CE

### Middle English

• 1100CE – 1470-CE

### **Modern English**

• 1470CE – 1650CE

## The Lord's Prayer in Old English

Fæder ure þu þe eart on heofonum; Si bin nama gehalgod to becume bin rice gewurbe ðin willa on eorðan swa swa on heofonum. urne gedæghwamlican hlaf syle us todæg and forgyf us ure gyltas swa swa we forgyfað urum gyltendum and ne gelæd þu us on costnunge ac alys us of yfele soblice

### The Lord's Prayer in Middle English

Oure fadir that art in heuenes, halewid be thi name; thi kyndoom come to; be thi wille don in erthe as in heuene: gyue to us this dai oure breed ouer othir substaunce; and forgyue to us oure dettis, as we forgyuen to oure gettouris; and lede us not in to temptacioun, but delyuere us fro yuel.

### **Section B:** The Diffusion of English

### Map of Great Britain and its Colonies



### **Connect:** What types of diffusion may explain the movement of English from place to place. Explain.



### The Diffusion of English

**British Colonies** 

**United States** 

United States Annexes (Philippines)



# Hypothesize: Does English sound the same wherever it is spoken?

### The English Language: Dialects



### What is a dialect?

A dialect is a regional variation of a language distinguished by distinctive vocabulary, spelling, and pronunciation.

### **Section C: American English**

## Differences between British and American English

#### Vocabulary

- Different because settlers in America encountered new objects, animals, etcetera.
- New animals, for example, were given Native American Names.
- As new inventions appeared they received different names.

#### Spelling

- Spelling diverged from a strong national American Identity.
- Webster, an American dictionary publisher had an American agenda

#### Pronunciation

• Largely explained by distance and time.