EVERY WORD HAS A STORY: RESOURCE

TIMELINE OF AUSTRALIAN ENGLISH

Old English	Middle English	Early Modern English	Late Modern English	Australian English	Development of
500 – 1100 AD	1100 – 1500 AD	1500 – 1800	1800 – Present		Aboriginal English
450 AD – Germanic Anglo- Saxon tribes begin to inhabit the British Isles Words from Latin adopted late 700s – Viking or Old Norse raids on England. Words introduced from Old Norse	 1106 AD – Norman Conquest The ruling classes in Britain speak French for the next 300 years Thousands of French words and prefixes and suffixes enter the English language, including French words relating the crown, nobility, government and administration 1476 – First English Printing Press 	The English Renaissance Mixing of French, Latin, Greek and Italian 1590 – William Shakespeare writes his first plays 1604 – First English Dictionary published 1788 – London Times Newspaper in London	British Exploration and Trade English is imported into colonised countries • American English • Canadian English • Indian English Foreign words continue to enter the English language	Influences People came from many different countries and spoke different languages and other dialects of English Contact with Aboriginal languages New names for new flora and fauna Standard Australian English becomes the accepted language of education, media and literature	Australia's First Peoples needed to communicate with non-Aboriginal invaders Aboriginal people were not allowed to speak in their own languages Aboriginal English developed, enabling culture and identity to be maintained after loss of Aboriginal languages English words were adapted and altered Aboriginal languages continue to be reawakened
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