

The Spread of English - English language history

Welcome to our history-based seminar in English! From its home in England, to forests of Canada, to the Australian outback, and everywhere in-between, English spans the globe. 1.5 billion people (including you) speak English. Where did it all begin?

In this course, you will explore the story of the English language and the many peoples who have made it their own. This course will run chronologically from medieval Britain to the present day, covering such topics as:

- King Alfred and the Anglo-Saxons;
- the transformation of the English language;
- the Anglican faith; British colonization and conflict in the world;
- the USA in the 1920s;
- music in Jamaica;
- Gandhi in India;
- Princess Diana and The Crown;
- South African apartheid;
- New Zealand and the All Blacks rugby team;
- cuisine in London and Singapore;
- Donald Trump and his Twitter account;
- and more.

This course will focus on history, but will also include topics from areas such politics, geography, economics, law, linguistics, literature, music and culture.

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