



English

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Evolution of English

This unique series investigates the history and evolution of the English language. Audiences will gain an understanding of how vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling have all been affected over time by different cultures and new technologies. Essential viewing for any study of language variation and change.

A Short History of the English Language

This program provides an overview of four key periods in the chronological history of the English language and how events in each period shaped the words, spelling, pronunciation and grammar of English. We explore the cultural and social influences on Old English, Middle English, Early Modern English and Modern English. Excerpts from *Beowulf*, *The Canterbury Tales* and Shakespeare illustrate the changing structure of English over time.

ACELA1550, ACELA1563

Additional resources

- Comprehension Questions
- Crack the Runic Code
- Create a Crossword Puzzle



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- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Program

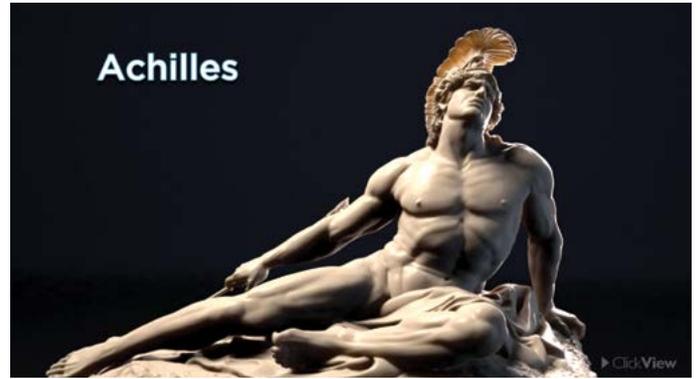
Borrowed Words: How Languages Influence Each Other

This program investigates the wealth of English words and phrases stemming from Indian, Greek, Latin and Japanese origins, as well as the influence of English on other languages. Packed with interesting words and anecdotes, this is an ideal resource to better understand the complex and fascinating ways that English has evolved into the rich, expressive language we know today.

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Additional resources

- Latin and Greek Stems
- Word Bank
- Word Origins Poster



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- Writing a 'Borrowed Words' Piece
- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Program

Language and Identity: You Are What You Speak

This program explores the relationship between language and identity as we follow Detective Quinn's investigation of a bank robbery. Listen to the interviews of four witnesses with very different ways of speaking: Queen's English, Australian ocker, business jargon and hip hop. Information on each style of speech and its characteristics are given. This is an excellent resource for showcasing how language influences identity and identity influences language.

ACELA1529, ACELA1541

Additional resources

- Comprehension Questions
- Exploring Your Identity
- Writing a Witness Statement



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- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Program

Language and Technology

This engaging program compares the way a person might have communicated in 1960 to the way we communicate today by following a young writer on vacation then and now. In the 1960s, she uses postcards and letters to correspond with friends back home, and today it's text messages and emails. Audiences will gain an understanding of how vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling are affected by communicative technologies and why these changes have occurred.

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Additional resources

- Communication Styles
- Communication Then and Now - Venn Diagram
- New Dictionary Words



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- Text Speak Table
- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Program