ENG 1D HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following groups were first responsible for the formation of the English language as we know it now? (1)

The Jutes

The Angles / Saxons

The Celts

The Vikings / Danes

The Normans

1. What days of the week were named after Anglo Saxon Gods? (2 - .5 ea)
2. Who or what first cultivated literacy in Great Britain (as we know it now). (1)
3. What was the name of the King from Denmark who ruled Great Britain? (1)
4. What does the “ – by” ending on place names like Grimsby mean? (1)
5. What is a Kenning? (1)
6. “Whale road” is an example of a Kenning, create your own example keeping in mind the purpose of a Kenning. (1)
7. What is the title of a prominent piece of literature from the time of the Norman Conquest? (1)
8. Was this written before or after Shakespeare’s work? (1)
9. What other modern language was for a time and official language of England (spoken by the ruler)? (1)
10. What invention made the English language much more accessible and formalized spelling of the spoken word. (1)
11. What time period did William Shakespeare write during? (1)
12. Name two words that came from the colonization of the new world? (2)
13. In a short paragraph respond to the question: What do you think influenced change in the English language the most over time. Use the PEE structure for your answer and evidence from the interactive timeline. (5)