

43AD

**Roman invasion of
Britain**

*Latin became the principal
language of the elite.*

Celtic languages: prehistory – 450AD

450AD

Anglo-Saxon settlement

*The Anglo-Saxons brought
Germanic languages to replace
Latin and the Celtic languages.*

MEDIEVAL

Old English: 450 – 1066AD

Circa 1000AD

Beowulf (author unknown)

A manuscript for this Old English epic poem is thought to date from about 1000AD. However it's thought it was shared orally for centuries before this.

PERIOD 500-1500

Middle English: 1066 – 1500AD

1066-1087

William I

House of
Normandy

1087-1100

William II

House of
Normandy

1347AD

The bubonic plague

The plague spread through Europe and wiped out about a third of the population.

1100-1135

Henry I

House of
Normandy

1135-1154

Stephen

House of
Blois

1154-1189

Henry II

House of
Anjou

1189-1199

Richard I

House of
Anjou

1350-1600

The Great Vowel Shift

As English spelling became standardised in the 14th to 16th centuries, all long vowels in Middle English changed their pronunciation.

1199-1216

John

House of
Anjou

1216-1272

Henry III

House of
Plantagenet

1272-1307

Edward I

House of
Plantagenet

1307-1327

Edward II

House of
Plantagenet

1476

The printing press

Invented in by Johannes Gutenberg in Germany in 1440, the printing press was brought to England by William Caxton in 1476.

1327-1377

Edward III

House of
Plantagenet

1377-1399

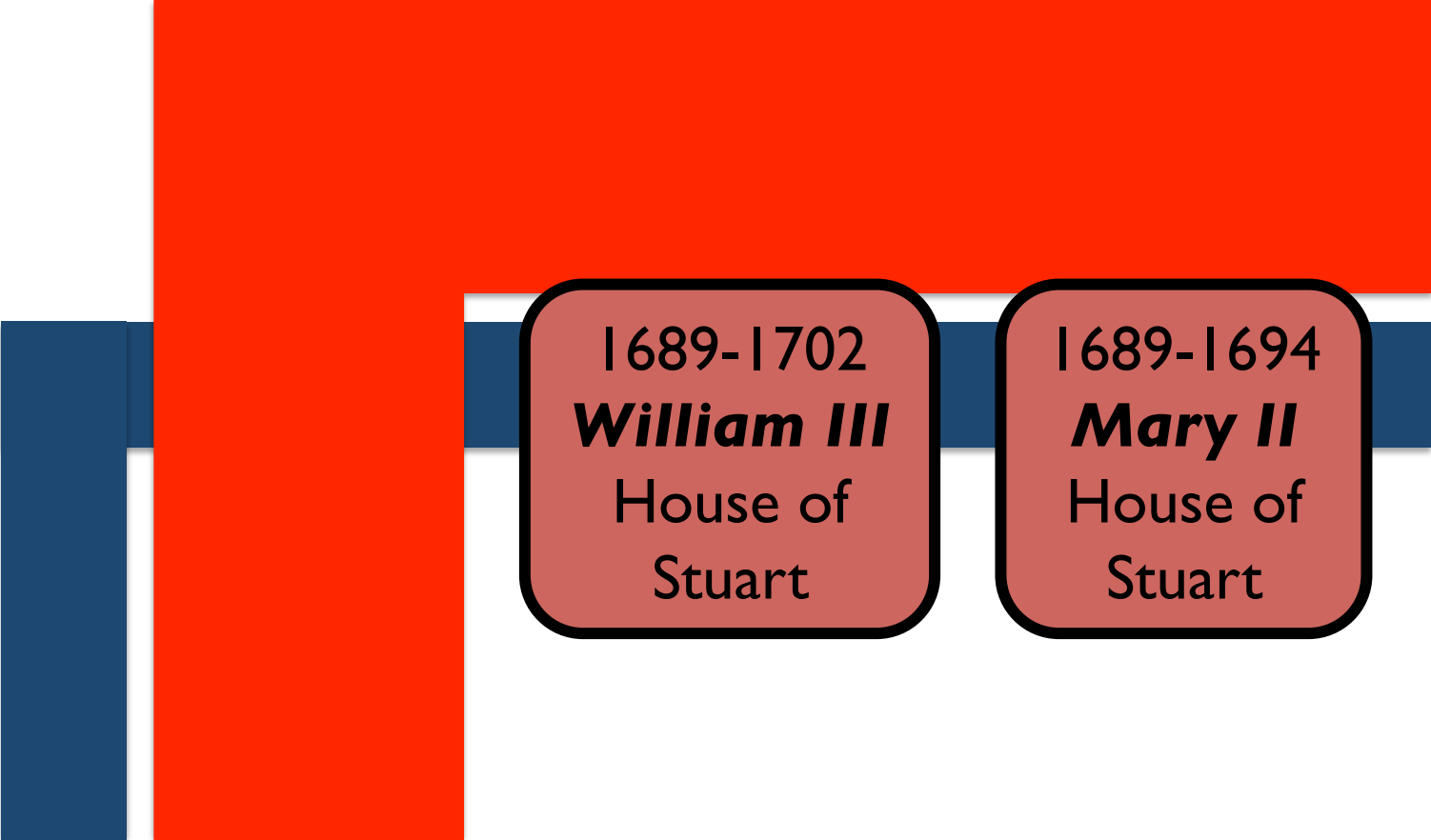
Richard II

House of
Plantagenet

1399-1413

Henry IV

House of
Lancaster



1689-1702

William III

House of
Stuart

1689-1694

Mary II

House of
Stuart



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1685-1688

James II

House of
Stuart

1660-1685

Charles II

House of
Stuart

1658-1659

***Richard
Cromwell***

Commonwealth

1653-1658
**Oliver
Cromwell**
Commonwealth

1625-1649
Charles I
House of
Stuart

1606
Macbeth
William Shakespeare

1605

The Gunpowder Plot

On November 5th, Robert Catesby led an unsuccessful Catholic plot to blow up James I and the Houses of Parliament. Guy Fawkes was among the conspirators.

THE ENGLISH

1625-1649

Charles I

House of
Stuart

1603-1625

James I

House of
Stuart

1558-1603

Elizabeth I

House of
Tudor

1553-1558

Mary I

House of
Tudor

1564-1616

William Shakespeare

Thought of as the greatest writer in the English language, the Bard of Avon wrote 38 plays and 154 sonnets, alongside other verses.

RENAISSANCE 1500

Early Modern English: 1500 – 1800AD

1547-1553
Edward VI
House of
Tudor

≡ 1670

1509-1547

Henry VIII

House of
Tudor

1485-1509

Henry VII

House of
Tudor

1483-1485

Richard III

House of
York

1483-1483

Edward V

House of
York

1413-1422

Henry V

House of
Lancaster

1422-1461

Henry VI

House of
Lancaster

1471-1483

Edward IV

House of
York

1470-1471

Henry VI

House of
Lancaster

1461-1470

Edward IV

House of
York

THE

1702-1714

Anne

House of
Stuart

1714-1727

George I

House of
Hanover

ENLIGHTENMENT

1727-1760

George II

House of
Hanover

1755

Samuel Johnson's *A Dictionary of the English Language*

Taking seven years to complete single-handedly, Dr. Johnson published this influential book.

1660=1800

1760-1820

George III

House of
Hanover

1762

Robert Lowth's *A Short Introduction to English Grammar*

Prompted by the absence of any textbooks on grammar, Lowth wrote this important book.

1789

'London'
William Blake

ROMANTIC

1798-1850

'The Prelude'

William Wordsworth

1818

'Ozymandias'

Percy Bysshe Shelley

1844

Oxford English Dictionary (OED)

First published in 1844, the OED continues to be widely regarded as the accepted authority on the English language.

PERIOD 1770-1850

Modern English: 1800 – present

1820-1830

George IV

House of
Hanover

1830-1837

William IV

House of
Hanover

1842

'My Last Duchess'

Robert Browning

VICTORIAN

1854

**'The Charge of the
Light Brigade'**

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

GOTHIC

1837-1901

Victoria

House of
Hanover

2006

Twitter

The social network launched and gave us neologisms such as 'hashtag' and new meanings to words such as 'trending'.

POSTMODERNISM

2013

'Kamikaze'

Beatrice
Garland

2009

'Poppies'

Jane Weir

2008

'Remains'

Simon
Armitage

2007

'Checking Out Me History'

John Agard

1992

First Text Message

The first SMS message was sent on the Vodafone network in December. It read 'Merry Christmas'.

1965=PRESENT

2006

'Tissue'

Imtiaz
Dharker

1993

'The Émigrée'

Carol Rumens

1985

'War Photographer'

Carol Ann Duffy

1989

World Wide Web

Invented by Tim Berners-Lee, it was released to the general public on the Internet in August 1991.

1966

'Storm on the Island'

Seamus Heaney

MODERNIST PERIOD

1957

'Bayonet Charge'

Ted Hughes

1952

Elizabeth II

House of Windsor

1936-1952

George VI

House of Windsor

1936

Edward VIII

House of Windsor

1939-1945

World War II

People thought that WWI was 'the war to end all wars', but the concluding peace treaty set the stage for WWII.

1910-1965

1945

An Inspector Calls

J.B. Priestley

1910-1936

George V

House of Windsor
(Saxe-Coburg)

1901-1910

Edward VII

House of Saxe-Coburg

1928

**Equal Franchise
Act**

*This gave the right to vote
to all women over 21.*

1914-1918

World War I

*This bloody war caused huge
loss of lives and was fought
mostly in the trenches.*

1918

'Exposure'

Wilfred Owen

1877

Electric light

The first electric lighting appeared in London.



1840=1900

1886

Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Robert Louis Stevenson