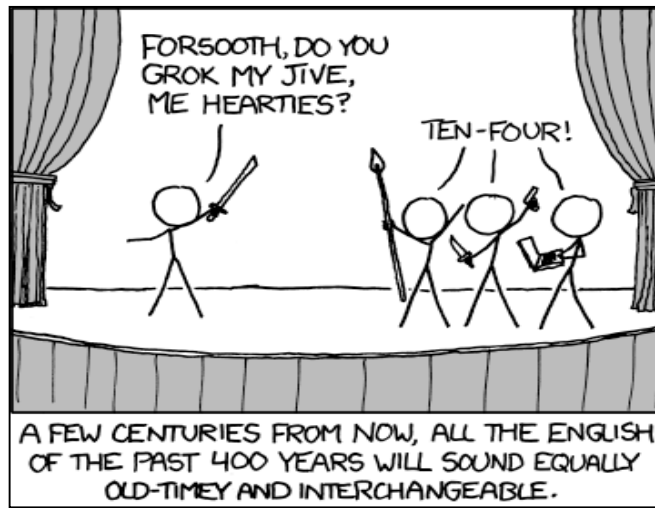


# English 321: History of the English Language

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Purpose: To study how English has changed and learn about language variation. Starting with English around the globe today, we work our way back through 1,500 years of variation and change in English. We end the semester with Middle and Old English, where we can battle monsters and unlock our wordhoards. The extra-special added bonus of this class is that you get to satisfy your inner geekdom for etymology (Unfortunately, we will not have time for entomology).

Course Objectives: To identify the major changes in the English language; to describe how language variation plays a role in language change; to better understand how language works.

| Graded Work       | Percent of final grade |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Wordhoard Project | 30%                    |
| Quizzes           | 30%                    |
| Graded Assignment | 40%                    |

Pre-Req: Some kind of linguistics course.

## Words Introduced Through Shakespeare:

