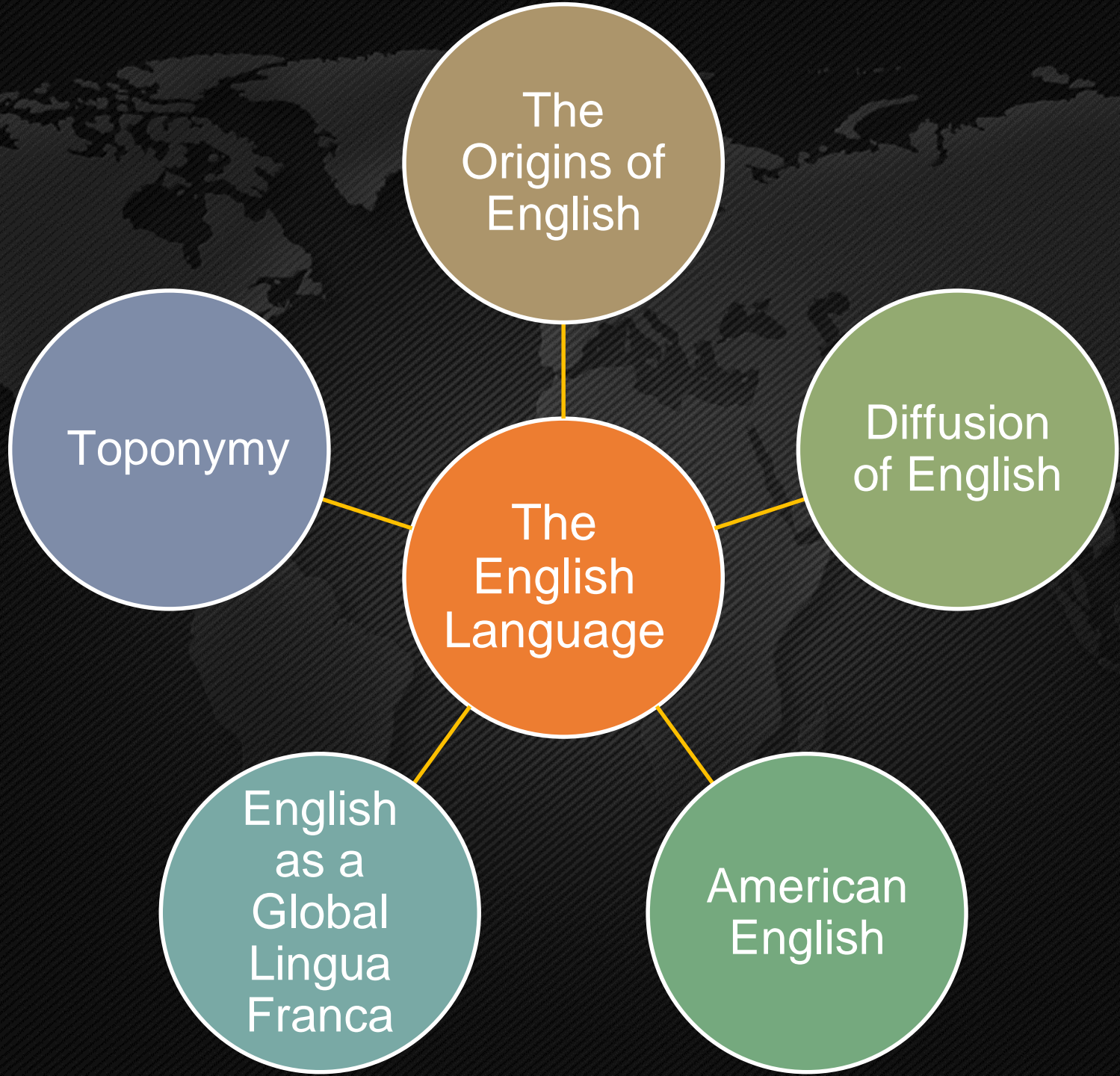


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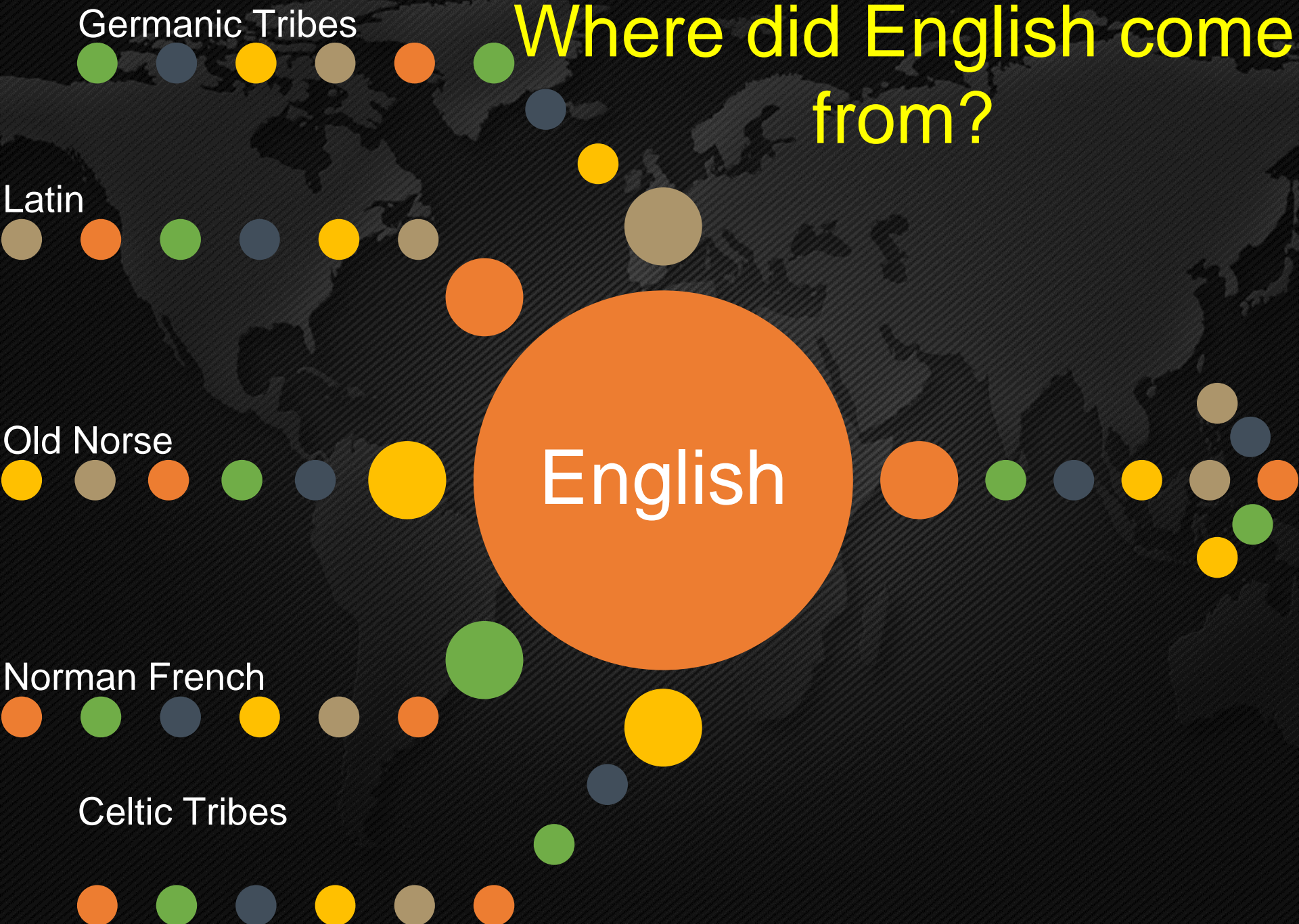
Why is English related to other languages?





The Origins of the English Language

Where did English come from?



Old English

- 450CE-1100CE

Middle English

- 1100CE – 1470-CE

Modern English

- 1470CE – 1650CE

The Lord's Prayer in Old English

Fæder ure þu þe eart on heofonum;
Si þin nama gehalgod
to becume þin rice
gewurþe ðin willa
on eorðan swa swa on heofonum.
urne gedæghwamlican hlaf syle us todæg
and forgyf us ure gyltas
swa swa we forgyfað urum gyltendum
and ne gelæd þu us on costnunge
ac alys us of yfele soþlice

The Lord's Prayer in Middle English

Oure fadir that art in heuenes, halewid be thi name; thi kyndoom come to; be thi wille don in erthe as in heuene: gyue to us this dai oure breed ouer othir substaunce; and forgyue to us oure dettis, as we forgyuen to oure gettouris; and lede us not in to temptacioun, but delyuere us fro yuel.

What is “Modern”

Midsummer Night's Dream

William Shakespeare



The Diffusion of English

Map of Great Britain and its Colonies



The Diffusion of English

Britain



British Colonies



United States



United States
Annexes
(Philippines)



Hypothesize: Does English sound the same wherever it is spoken?

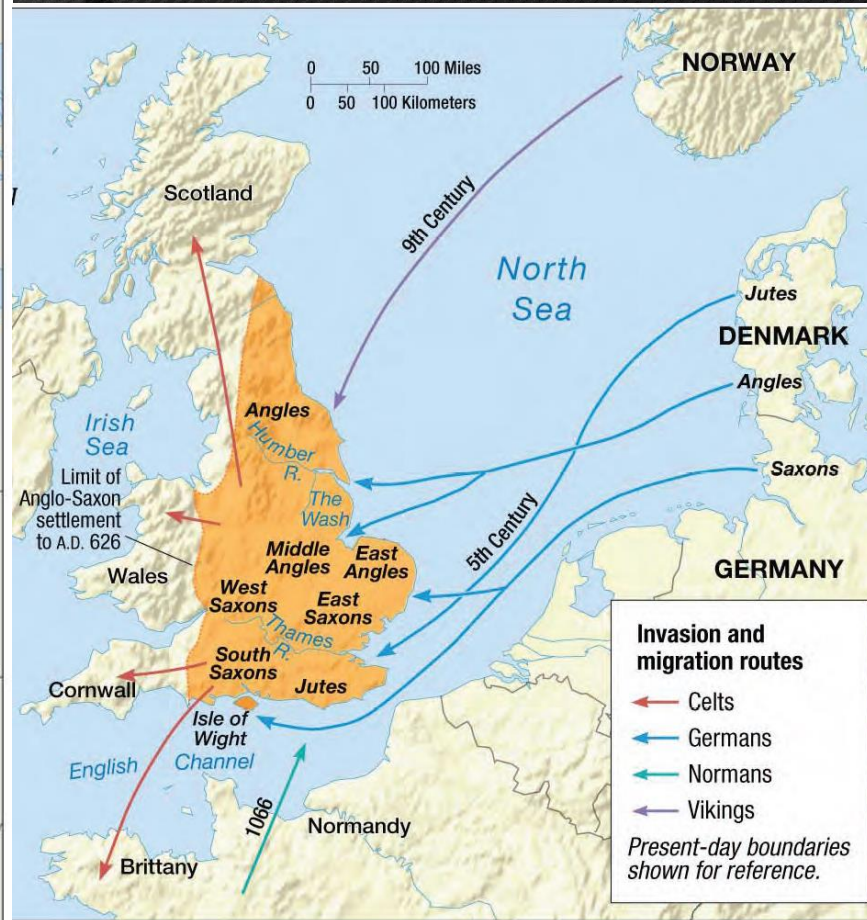
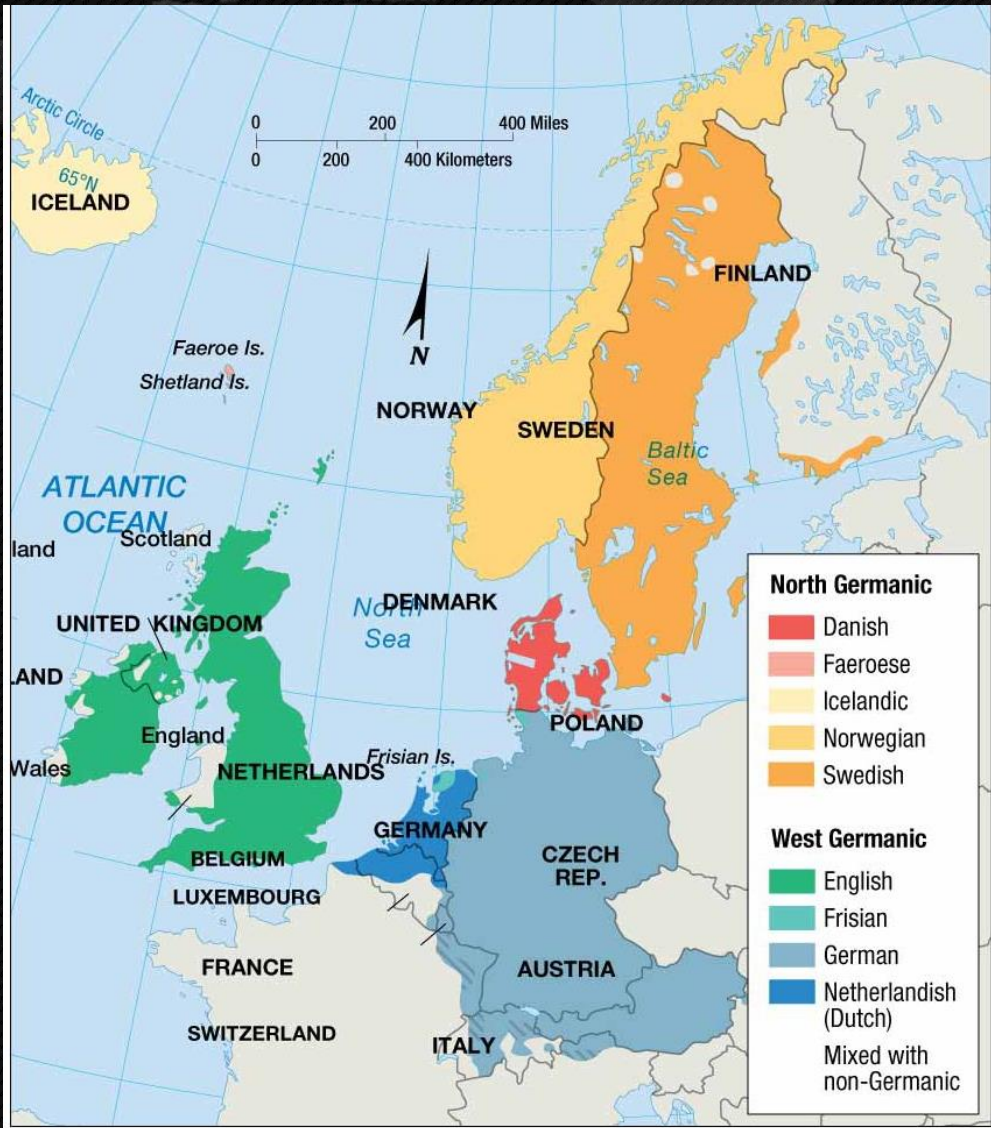
Origins of English and Spanish

- Distribution of Indo-European Branches
 - Four most widely spoken branches
 1. Indo-Iranian branch
 - Spoken primarily in South Asia
 2. Balto-Slavic branch
 - Spoken primarily in Eastern Europe
 3. Germanic branch
 - Spoken primarily in northwestern Europe and North America
 - Divides into High and Low Germanic subgroups
 - English is classified in the Low Germanic group
 4. Romance branch
 - Spoken primarily in southwestern Europe and Latin America
 - Most common are Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Italian



Origins of English and Spanish

- Modern English has evolved primarily from the language spoken by three Germanic tribes invading the British Isles.
 1. Angles- from southern Denmark
 2. Jutes- from northern Denmark
 3. Saxons- from northwestern Germany
- Over time, others invaded England and their languages influenced the basic English.
 - Vikings from present-day Norway
 - Normans from present-day Normandy in France spoke French.



Origins of English and Spanish

- Modern Spanish is a Romance Language
 - Roman Empire 2,000 years ago diffused language through conquest
 - Those who were conquered learned a low level Latin that helped show they were conquered
 - Vulgar Latin
 - After the fall of Rome geographic isolation caused the evolution into Spanish, Portuguese, French, Romanian, etc



Romance branch of Indo-European

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|------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Portuguese | French/Langue d'oïl | Lombard | Sicilian | Ladin |
| Galician | French/Langue d'òc (Occitan) | Venetian | Sardinian | Friulian |
| Spanish | Italian | Ligurian | Corsican | Romanian |
| Catalán | Piemontese | Napoletano-Calabrese | Romansh | Not Romance languages |

Prominence of English Today

- English diffuses across the world
 - English language migrated with the people of England when they established colonies over four centuries.
 - English is an official language in most former British colonies.
 - Diffusion to North America
 - First successful colony was Jamestown, VA, in 1607.
 - Defeat of France by England secured English as the dominant language in North America.
 - United States responsible for diffusing English to several places—e.g., Philippines, Guam, Liberia, etc.

