

Class Seven Plan

First Hour:

History of English

The purpose of this class is to introduce students to the source of the English language and the changes it underwent to get to where it is today.

We can start with the Time Line on the wall.

We can then listen to the various English dialects that exist today.
(Handout *Sonnet* by Shakespeare. Most of the dialect speakers are reading this poem.)

Hand out "Fun With Cockney" sheet.

If there is time, hand out "Where Do Words Come From?" Kids can **guess** at the language of origin of the words. It's just for fun.
(There is an answer key when they're done.)

Second Hour:

Focus on where words come from.

Handout "Coining Words" sheet. The kids can try to define the words. Perhaps they can work in their groups and then compare answers.

Handout "Types of Coined Words"

Handout "Shifty Word Meanings"

If there is time, we can work on sociolinguistics.