**Middle English: The Language in Transition**

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**What Happened to the Endings?**

1. Why did scribes have trouble remembering how words were spelled around the year 1000?
2. What letter replaced the unstressed syllable and marked the beginning of Middle English?

**Endings and Order**

1. Name and describe **two** differences between Old and Middle English.

**Uninvited Guests**

1. After the Norman invasion, French became the language of what?
2. Describe the relationship between the Anglo-Saxons and the Normans.

**The Battle and the Triumph**

1. Who spoke French in English society?
2. Name **two** reasons why English, and not French, became the official language.
3. What dialect of English became the standard?

**Both a Borrower and a Lender Be**

1. Name **five** words borrowed from French.
2. “Our vocabulary continues to echo the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dichotomy.”