

# The Story of English

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Page 2 of this sheet gives you a first taste of working on the history of English: a short initial test on the earlier stages of the language. Please do the task, but do not worry about how much you know at this stage: this task will of course *not* influence your course grade in any way.

The task may be used for research at some later point, but the identity of any student taking the test will never be revealed in future publications/presentations (if any).

Read these text samples and write above each word the corresponding Present-Day English word. If you think the word form has the same meaning as in today's English, just write = above it. If you cannot figure out the meaning of the word, leave a blank.

1	This clerk was cleped hende Nicholas. Of deerne love he koude and of solas; and therto he was sleigh and ful privee, and lyk a mayden meke for to see. A chambre hadde he in that hostelye allone, withouten any compaignye, ful fetisly ydight with herbes swoote; and he hymself as sweete as is the roote of lycorys or any cetewale.
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2	Se wisa wer timbrode his hus ofer stan. þa com þær micel flod, and þær bleowon windas, and ahruron on þæt hus, and hit ne feoll: soþlice, hit wæs ofer stan getimbrod. þa timbrode se dysiga wer his hus ofer sandceosol. þa rinde hit, and þær com flod, and bleowon windas, and ahruron on þæt hus, and þæt hus feoll: and his hryre wæs micel.
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