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Anglo-Saxon/Old English Quiz and Study Guide

1. What proto-language did the English language derive from? _____
2. What are the eleven branches of this proto-language? _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, & _____
3. What are the 3 branches that concern modern English? _____, _____, _____
4. The first peoples began to inhabit the Island between _____ and _____ years ago.
5. The first known language was the _____ language and was divided into two dialects, _____ & _____, and gave the English language about _____ words.
6. A branch of the Celtic language, the _____ branch, gave us the terms _____ & _____.
7. Roman invasions unsuccessfully began in _____ and were led by _____.
8. The Roman invasion was completed in _____ and was led by the emperor _____.
9. The Romans conquered lands as far north as the line known as _____ where they were held back by the Scottish Picts (Northern Celtic warrior tribes).
10. The Romans brought with them their language, _____, as well as their culture and architecture.
11. The Roman military presence protected the native Celts from _____.
12. Problems back in Rome called the British stationed Roman forces back in _____.
13. Left behind by the Romans, most significantly, were their systems of _____ & _____.
14. The first Latin influence added only _____ to _____ words to the English language.
15. The Germanic invasions began in _____ by the West Germanic tribes, the _____, _____, _____, & _____.
16. The Celtic peoples were driven west to _____ and north to _____.

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17. The second Latin influence was brought about by the Christianization of the island beginning in _____ by _____ who was commissioned by Pope _____.
18. Made _____ the official language of the church and added about _____ words to O.E.
19. One of the major advantages to the monasteries was that they were the centers of _____ and were responsible for producing _____.
20. The Anglo-Saxon Heptarchy consisted of the kingdoms: _____, _____, _____, _____, & _____.
21. The 1st wave of Viking invasions began in _____, were for the purpose of _____ & _____, and lasted until about _____.
22. The 2nd wave of Viking invasions began in _____ and were the purpose of _____.
23. The Viking invasions lasted until _____ when King _____ defeated the Viking leader _____ and signed the treaty of _____ establishing _____.
24. King Alfred the Great was probably best known for trying to save the English language and by championing _____ & _____.
25. Began compiling the _____ in _____.
26. Danelaw established a barrier between _____ and _____ giving power to the _____ in the northeast and to the _____ in the southwest.
27. The Vikings soon ignored Danelaw and the entire island was under Danish rule by _____.
28. The Scandinavian influence added over _____ words to the English language.
29. The words added from the Scandinavian influence differed from the Latin influence in that the Nordic words were _____.
30. This began to allow for a greater _____ of the language.

