

ENGL 507

Homework 6

Due in Turnitin by Class time on Tuesday October 22

As usual, if you do it collectively, indicate that.

THE GREAT VOWEL SHIFT (Note: If you have not installed the Charis SIL font from http://scripts.sil.org/cms/scripts/page.php?site_id=nrsi&item_id=CharisSIL_download#c7cc4bf5, let me recommend it; WebCT *may* accept it.)

1. The Great Vowel Shift affected both short and long vowels from Middle English. **TRUE/FALSE**
2. Most words that were affected by the Great Vowel Shift tend to have spellings that preserve their pronunciation BEFORE/AFTER the GVS.
3. We clearly understand the reasons why the Great Vowel Shift happened. **TRUE/FALSE**
4. Show the changes effected by the Great Vowel Shift by writing the appropriate phonetic symbols in the brackets.

Mice: ME [mi:s] > ModE [maɪs]

Mouse: ME [mu:s] > ModE [maʊs]

Geese: ME [ge:s] > ModE [ɡɪs]

Goose: ME [go:s] > ModE [ɡʊs]

Break: ME [brɛ:kən] > ModE [brɛk]

Broke: ME [brɔ:kən] > ModE [brɒk]

Name: ME [na:mə] > ModE [nɛm]

5. The following are phonetic transcriptions of Middle English words. Write their present-day developments in column (1) as ModE phonetic transcriptions and in column (2) as ModE spellings. You do not need to include the brackets.

Middle English Transcription	1. Modern English Phonetic Transcription	2. Modern English Spelling
bɔ:st	/bɒst/	boast
bro:d	/brʊd/	brood
de:m	/dɪm/	deem
gre:t	/grɛt/	great
gu:n	/gaʊn/	gown
ye:	/je/	yea (or yay!)
ka:s	/kes/	case
li:s	/laɪs/	lice
lu:d	/laʊd/	loud
me:t	/mɪt/	meet
mi:n	/maɪn/	mine
pa:s	/pes/	pace
po:l	/pu:l/	pool
pɔ:l	/pɒl/	pole
re:d	/rɪd/	reed

rɔ:st	/rɔst/	roast
rɒ:st	/rʌst/	roost
sə:f	/sef/	safe
u:t	/aʊt/	out
wi:d	/waɪd/	wide