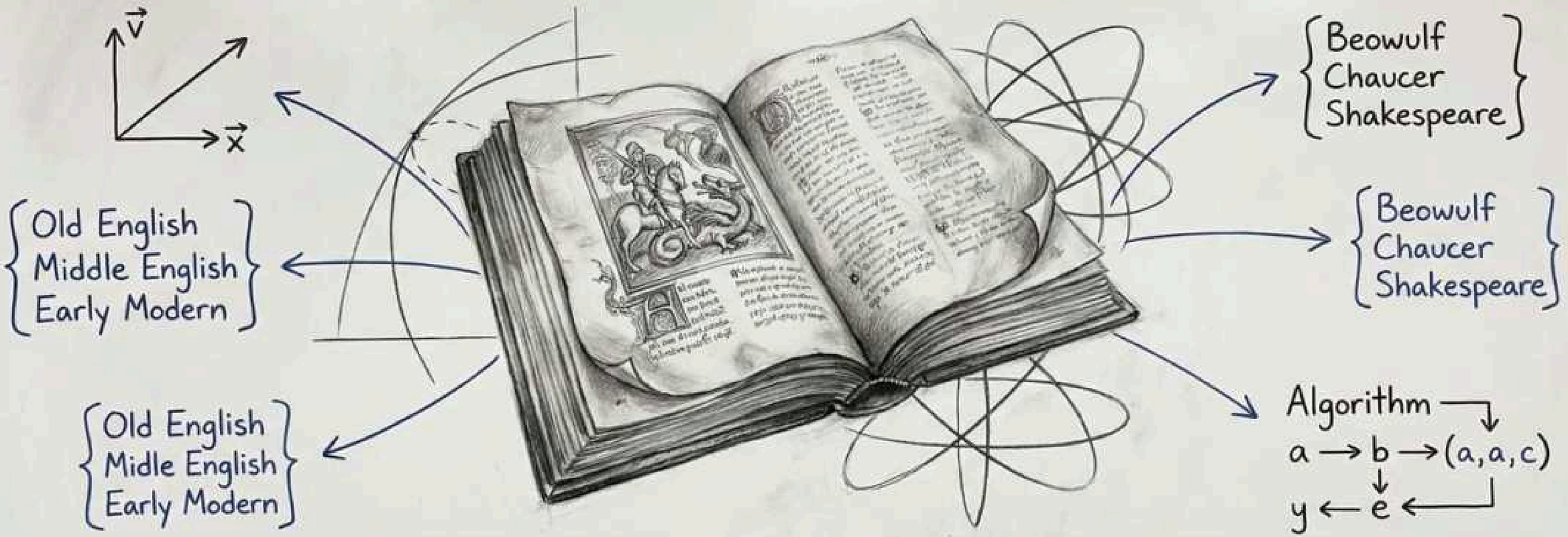
ENGL 201 B: Survey of British Literature I



Lecture 0 — Course Overview

Mapping the origins of the English literary tradition.

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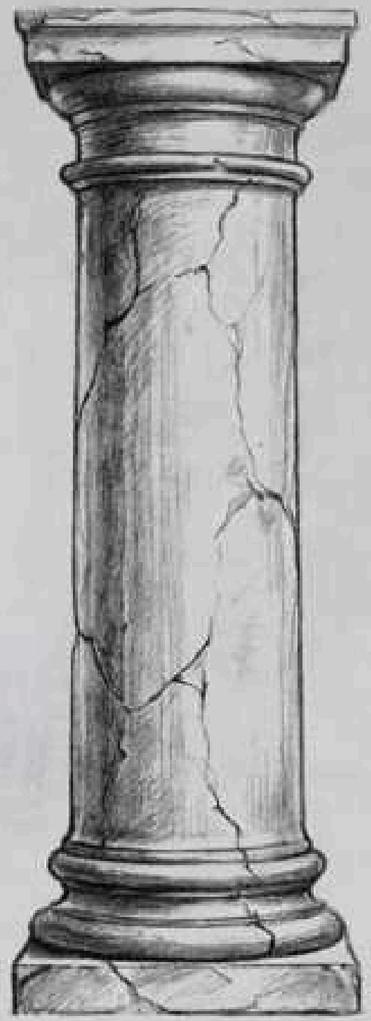


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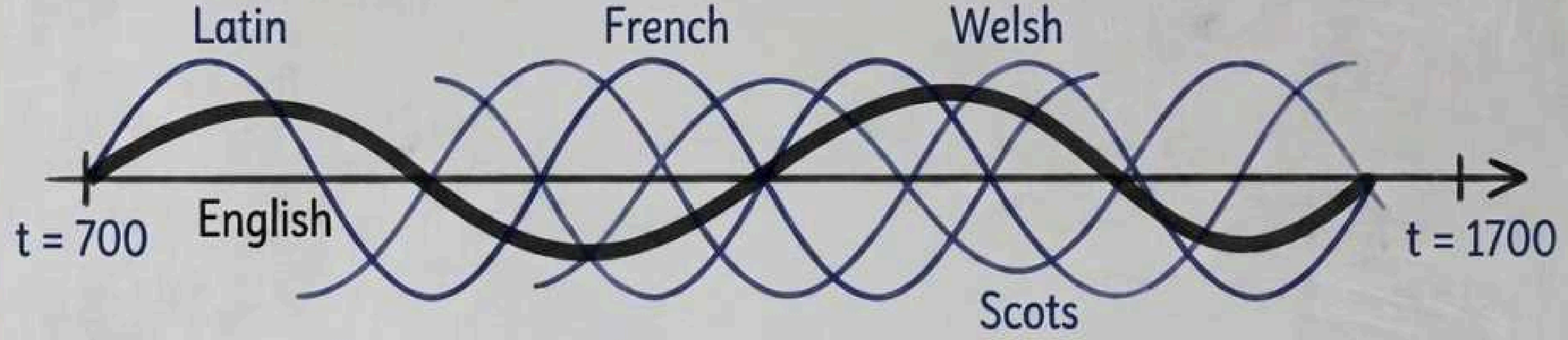
Anderson Academy: Free library of university-level courses (≈ 1 hr each).

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B = Brief (Overview + 6 short lectures)

Output Matrix:
+ Place works (Beowulf to Restoration) in context
+ Describe forms/ideas
+ Read early texts with confidence

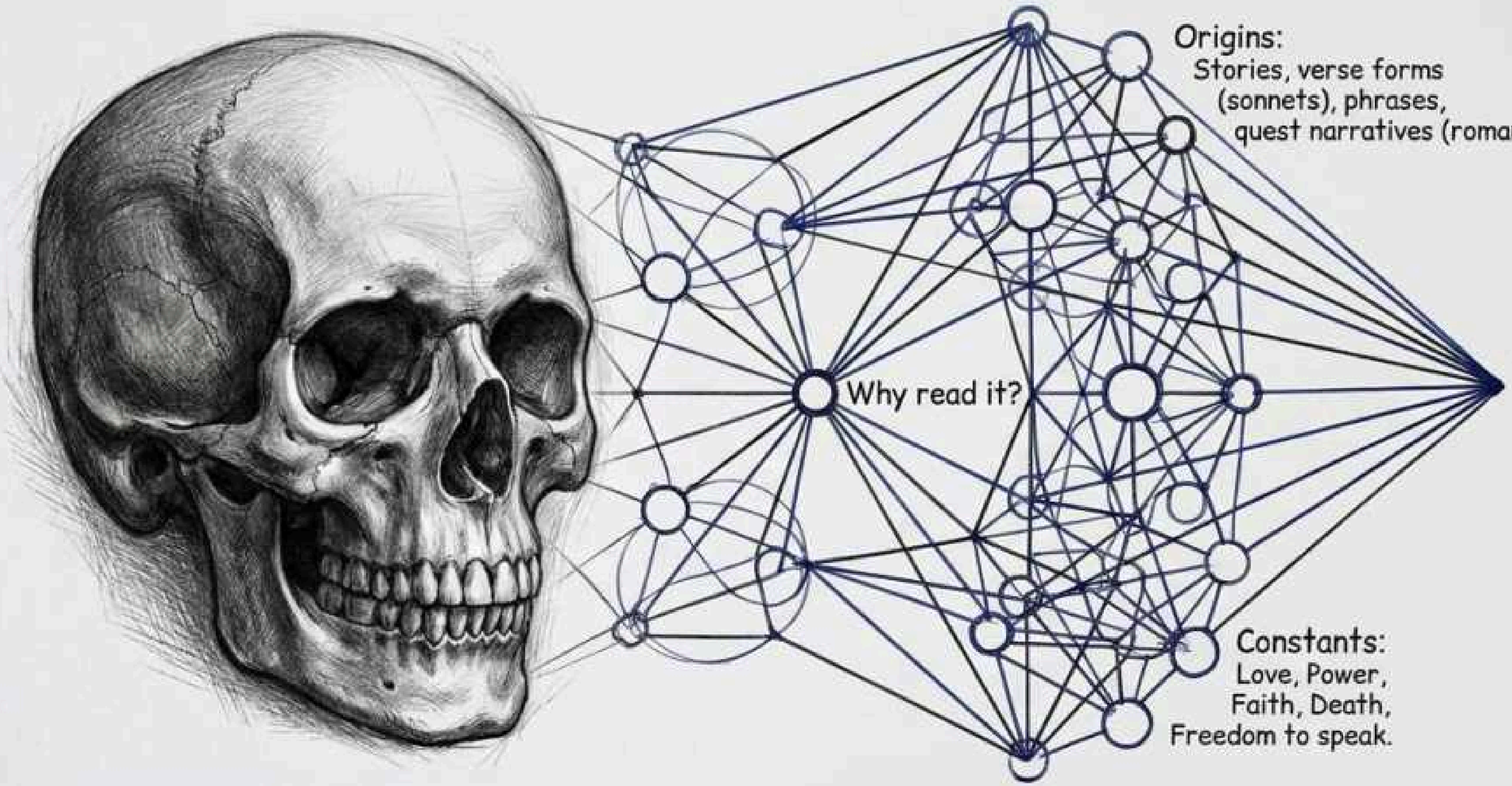
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Scope: A map of the country, not every road.
Δt = 1,000 years (c. 700 – 1700)



British Literature: Writing in English
from the islands of Britain.

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Origins:
Stories, verse forms (sonnets), phrases, quest narratives (romances).
Why read it?
Insight:
Reading past answers enriches our current variables.
Constants:
Love, Power, Faith, Death, Freedom to speak.

¶ 0.5



- L1: Old English
  - Beowulf → Norman Conquest (1066)
- L2: Middle English
  - Chaucer, Gawain poet, Langland, Julian of Norwich, Malory
- L3: The Tudor Age
  - More, English Bible, Wyatt, Sidney, Spenser

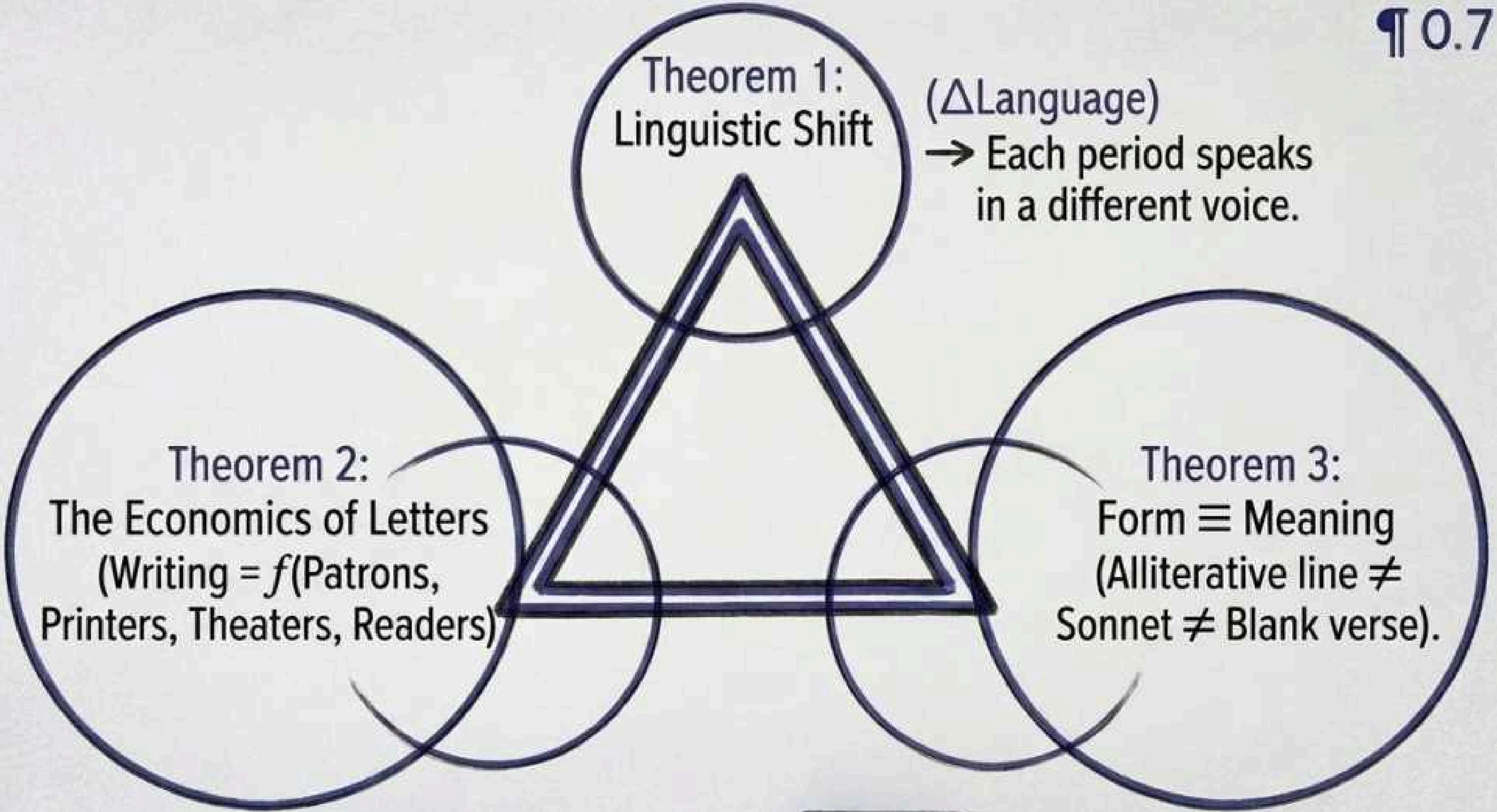
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- L4: The Stage — Marlowe, Shakespeare, Jonson
- L5: War & Religion — Metaphysical poets, John Milton
- L6: The Restoration (1660–1700) — Dryden, Aphra Behn, Bunyan, Pepys

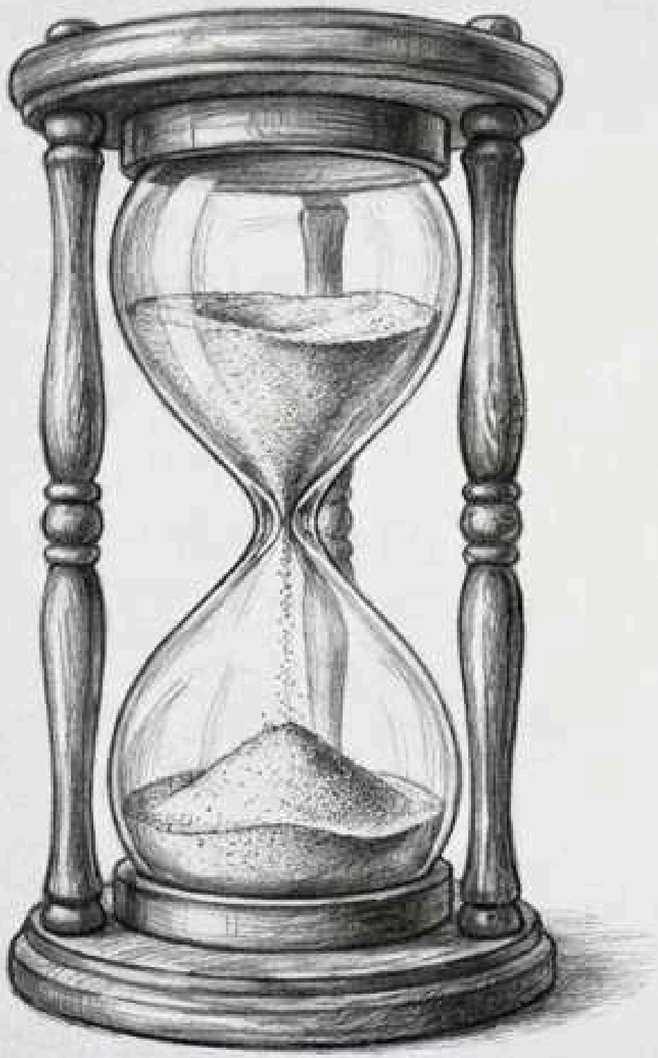


→ Synthesis of the course.

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Theorem 1:
Linguistic Shift
(ΔLanguage)
→ Each period speaks
in a different voice.
Theorem 2:
The Economics of Letters
(Writing = f(Patrons,
Printers, Theaters, Readers)
Theorem 3:
Form ≡ Meaning
(Alliterative line ≠
Sonnet ≠ Blank verse).

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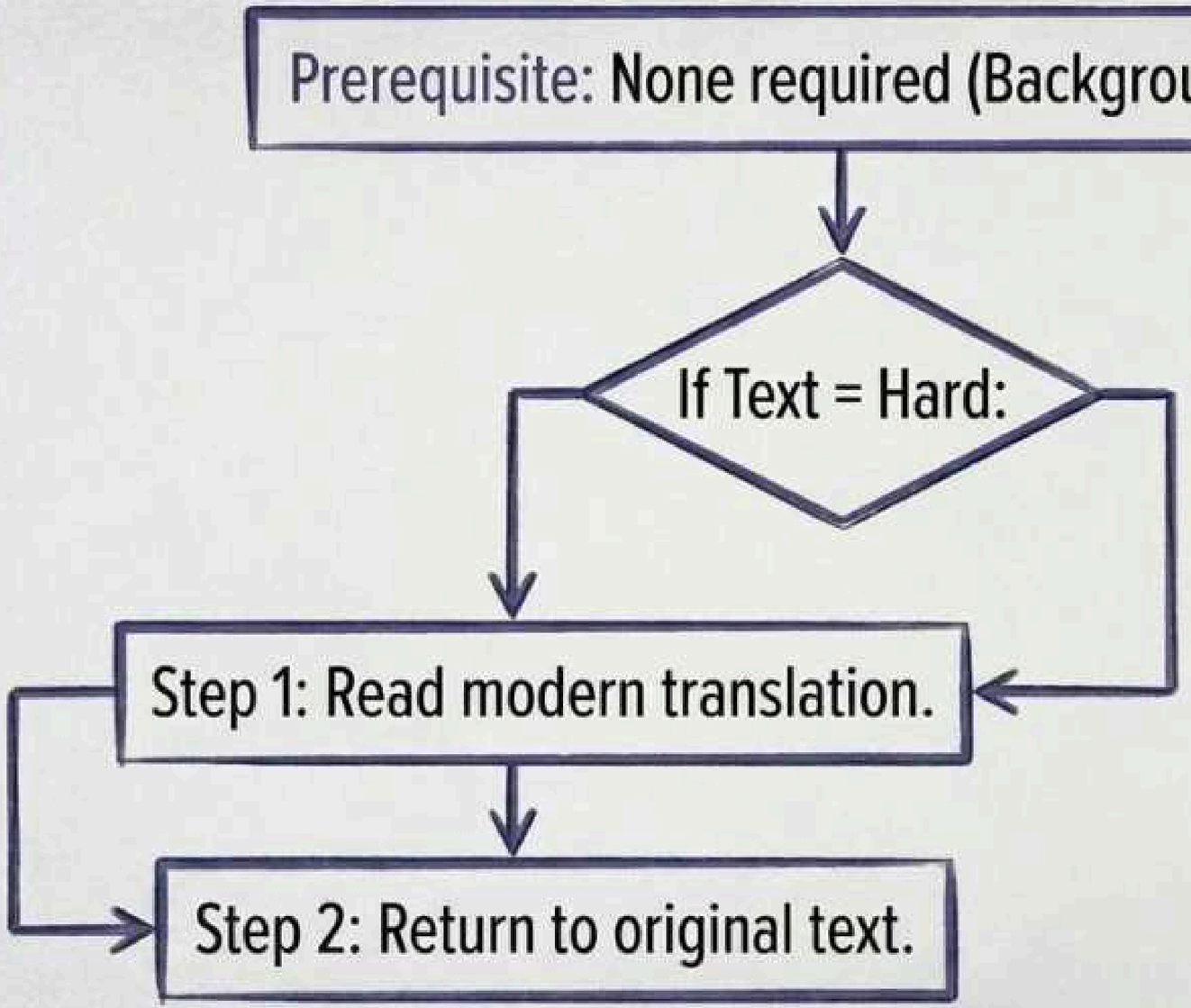
- Given: Dates are approximate ($t \approx x$); Authors often unknown (x = Anonymous).

÷ Operations applied: Modernized spelling; Plain paraphrase of old texts.

% Limit constraint: A 1-hour course leaves out almost everything.

π Conclusion: Treat each lecture as an invitation to read.

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See also:
Editions and books named in each lecture for further study.

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Active Learning:
Pause & try exercises.

Mapping:
Quiz answers point to numbered paragraphs

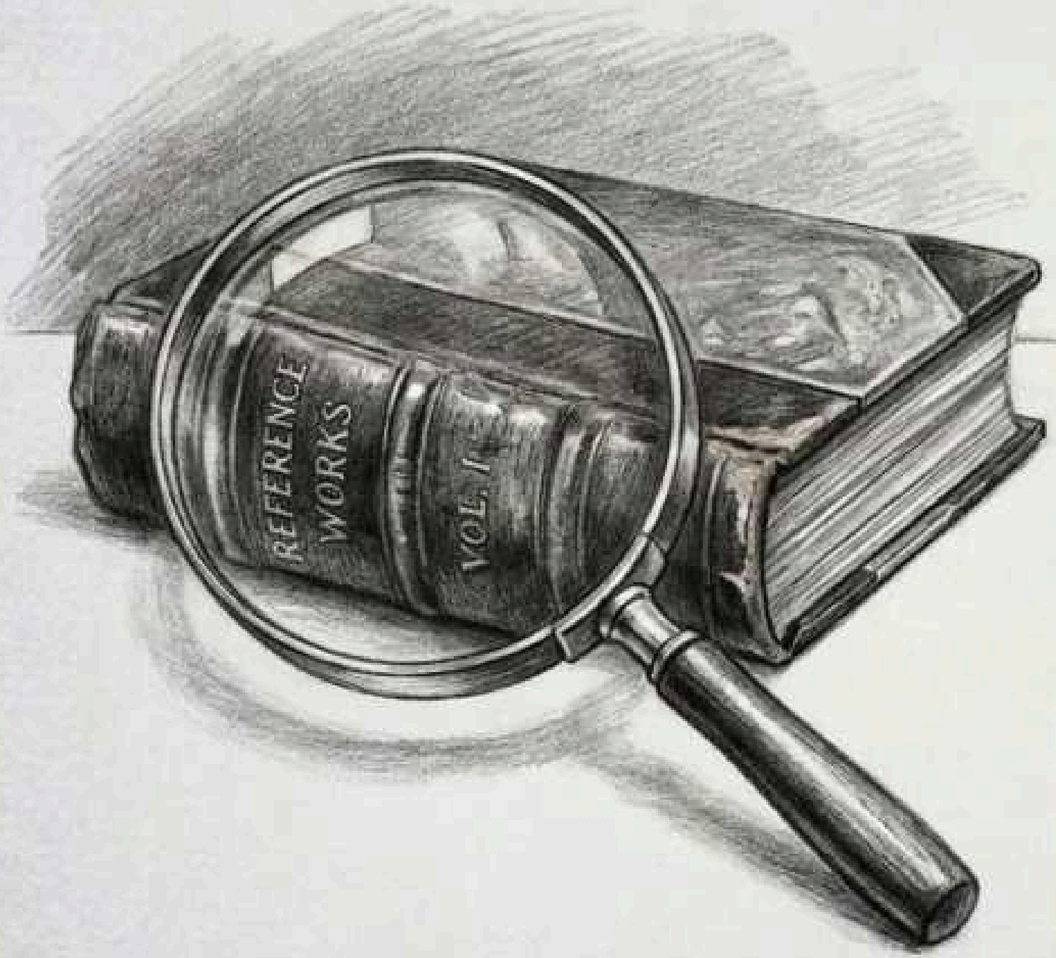
(e.g., Lecture 3, Paragraph 5 = ¶ 3.5)

Assessment:
- 5-Question Quiz (per lecture)
- 50-Question Final Exam
- Tripos Paper (6 essays + model answers)



¶ 0.11

Development Model:
AI Assistance × Human Direction



Verification:
Dates, names, and findings checked against reference works.

Error Reporting System:

Locate error → Note exact paragraph number → Report to us.

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Initialize: Let us begin with the
earliest English voices...

→ Proceed to Lecture 1.

