**Key Issue 2: Why is English Related to Other Languages?**

***Pages 150-157***

1. Using the reading on page 150, complete the following chart about the Germanic Language Branch

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| **Germanic Branch** |
| **West Germanic Group** | **North Germanic Group** |

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1. **Indo-Iranian Branch:** Make 2 bullets charts from the reading.

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| **Indic Group (Eastern)** | **Iranian Group (Western)** |
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1. How did Russian become the most important East Slavic language?
2. What is the most important West Slavic language?
3. Describe the controversy between Czech and Slovak languages under Czechoslovakia’s government? What happened?
4. Why are South Slavic languages, which were once very similar to each other, becoming increasingly different today?
5. The **four** most contemporary Romance languages are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. How did English become widely diffused?
7. What **three** European people originally came together to form the English people and English language?
8. Where did these people come from?
9. What **two** subsequent invasions added additional words to the evolving English language?
10. When and why did English diffuse to North America?
11. How did Latin languages diffuse in Europe? What happened to the native languages?
12. Define ***Vulgar Latin****:*
13. What is the name of the (theoretical) common ancestral language of all languages discussed in this key issue of the chapter?
14. Why is its existence difficult (impossible) to prove?
15. Contrast the **two** views of the origin of this language in the chart below.

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| **“Kurgan” Theory** | **Renfrew Hypothesis** |
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