

## English American Ethnogenesis

- 1) The Roman Invasion and conquest of the Britons/ Celts in 55 BCE ...Latin first enters the culture.
- 2) The Angles, Saxons, and Jute Invasions of 449 AD ... Old German enters the ever evolving English language.
- 3) Saint Augustine's arrival in Kent and the adoption of Christian religion ... Druid religion is replaced by Roman Catholicism.
- 4) Viking Invasions from 750 to 1050 ... Norwegian language enters the evolving English language.
- 5) Norman Invasion in 1066 results in rendering the English people into a minority group in their own homeland; the French language begins to fuse selectively into English language.
- 6) Geoffrey Chaucer writes *Canterbury Tales* in English language in 1400; the tradition of English language literacy begins.
- 7) Under King Henry VIII (1491-1547) England becomes a Protestant (Anglican) nation; the seeds of later discord between the Protestant English and Catholic Irish are sown.
- 8) William Shakespeare distinguishes the English language in the world community with his remarkable body of plays circa 1600.
- 9) First successful English colony in the New World arises in Jamestown in 1609 alongside the Powhatan Indians; other successful English colonies soon arise in Plymouth, Boston and Charleston.
- 10) Under British colonial rule the basic fabric of English law is adopted into American law as a system of jurisprudence.