



Word Origins:



Your assignment is to choose at least 10 words and find their origins and meanings. Be sure to explain how the original literal translation of the word relates to the definition that we know and use today.

Example: Look up the word **window**. You'll find that it comes from the Middle English (ME) **windowe**, which came from the Old Norse (ON) **vindauga**, which itself was formed from the two Old Norse words **vindr**, which meant "wind," and **auga**, which meant "eye." So window once meant "wind-eye," a poetic description appropriately suggesting a window's function of letting in both air and light.

Use the following website to assist you in your research:

http://www.exploratorium.edu/exploring/language/word_histories.html

