ETYMOLOGY PRESENTATION

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Romance

- Meaning: vernacular language of France
- Old French
- Originally adverb
- Derived from = Roman
- 1660- love story; 1801- adventurous quality;
 1916- love affair; idealistic quality
- Upper-class and nobles were currently residing there and brought language

Valor

- Meaning: value; worth
- Old French (valour)
- Sense of worth or worthiness; respect of manly qualities
- 1580s- courage

Soldier

- Meaning: one who serves in the army for pay (soudier); (v.) to serve as a soldier
- Old French
- 1640s- to persist doggedly
- Military went with upper-class and nobles bringing along military terminology

Siege

- Meaning: seat; throne/seat
- Old French (sege)
- Vacant seat at Arthur's round table; reserved for knight destined to find holy grail
- Military sense attested from c. 1300
- Army sitting down before a fortress
- Military went with upper-class and nobles bringing along military terminology

Honor

- Meaning: glory, renown, fame earned
- Middle English
- Latin and Anglo-French
- First attested: late 14c (a woman's chastity);
- 17c- honour and honor (equally frequent);
- attested by 1782 (distinction in scholarship);
- attested by 1872 (roll in the scholastic sense)
- Respect earned by soldiers in battle
- Used to describe valor and glory; example "honor roll"

Hospitality

- Meaning: act of being hospitable
- Middle English
- Old French and Latin
- Used to describe actions of accepting others into your house and providing common courtesies
 - Word not widely used in daily speech anymore

Battle

- Meaning: single combat, inner turmoil, harsh circumstances; army, body of soldiers (c. 1300);
 (v.) fighting involving several combatants (1670s)
- Middle English
- Anglo-French, Old French, and Latin
- Used to describe conflict between people, countries, nations during invasions
- Today: many more meanings; a bidding war = battle; emotional struggle = battle

General

- Meaning: whole class of things or persons (late 14c.); (adj.) commander of an army (1570s); affixed to civic officer" (late 14c.)
- Used to describe top leader during invasions
 - Older meanings/ usage basically the same

Chivalrous

- Meaning: knightly; noble (mid 14c.)
- Old French
- mid-16c.- obsolete in English and French; late 18c.-revived in English, not French
- By romantic writers fond of medieval settings

Courteous

Meaning: having courtly bearing or manners (mid-14c.)

Old French

Real before c. 1500; denoted man of good education; associated with good behavior and beauty

Admiral

- Meaning: Saracen commander (c. 1200); Saracen military commander; any military commander (12c.); highest-ranking naval officer (15c.); type of butterfly (1720)
- Old FrenchArabic, Spanish

Armor

- Meaning: mail, defensive covering worn in combat; means of protection (c. 1300); weapons, armor (12c.)
- Old French
- Latin
- Mid-14c.: military equipment generally
- Word might have died with ironclads; first attested in 1855

Poet

- Meaning: a poet, a singer (early 14c.) (c. 1200 surname)
- Old French
- Latin, Greek, French
- Used in 14c. for all sorts of writers/composers
- Attested by 1930

Present

- Meaning: thing offered, gift (c. 1200); being there; this point in time
- Old French
- Latin
- Attested from c. 1300

Lieutenant

- Meaning: one who takes the place of another (late 14c.); substitute, deputy; placeholder; officer next in rank to a captain (military sense) (1570s)
- Old French
- Pronunciation and spelling in Britain different

Marine

- Meaning: seacoast (14c.); (adj.) collective shipping of a country (1660s); soldier who serves on a ship (1670s)
- Middle French



Meaning: to keep up, maintain, to keep (someone) in a certain frame of mind (late 15c.)

- Middle English
- Latin, French
- Late 15c.- have a guest; "amuse" (1620s)

Feast

- Meaning: (n.) religious anniversary characterized by rejoicing (rather than fasting) (c.1200); (v.) partake of a feast (c.1300)
- Middle English
- French, Vulgar Latin, Italian
- □ Late 14c.- abundant meal

Army

- Meaning: armed expedition (late 14c.); armed treop, armed expedition; armed force
- Middle English
 - French, Medieval Latin
 - Old English word = here & fierd

Battalion

- Meaning: battle squadron (1580s)
- Modern English
- Middle French, Italian, Vulgar Latin
- No significant change in meaning