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3. Complete the activities.

The French Language: Influence on English

1. French is a Romance language, derived principally from the popular spoken Latin of the Romans. Over 2,000 years ago, the Romans under Julius Caesar invaded the country, then known as Gaul, and the Gauls adopted the language of the conquerors. Other languages, too, such as Celtic and German, have made some contributions to French.

2. Numerous dialects developed in the various regions of France. The one spoken in Île-de-France, where the kings held court, became the official language of France.

3. Outside of France, French is spoken chiefly in Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, eastern Canada, and several of the new republics of Africa.

4. Other Romance languages are Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Rumanian.

5. French has exerted a strong influence on the English language, mainly through the invasion of England in 1066 by William, duke of Normandy, known as William the Conqueror. After the conquest, French became the official language of the royal court, the educated classes, and the law courts. Thus, a vast number of the French words became part of the English language. Continuous communication between England and France has strengthened the bond between the two languages.

6. Cognates are words in different languages but derived from the same original source. Some examples of cognates in French and English are:

<i>French</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>English</i>
appeler	appeal	femme	feminine
blanc	blank	maison	mansion
chien	canine	mouton	mutton
doigt	digit	pauvre	pauper
enfant	infant	petit	petty
état	state	ped	pedal
faim	famine	soeur	sorority

Source: Blume. "Livre Premier." Amsco French.

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Activities:

A. Match column A with B. Place the number in front of the letter. (8 pts)

- | A | B |
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| 1. Île-de-France | ___ a. Roman general |
| 2. Gaul | ___ b. French-speaking area of North America |
| 3. Julius Caesar | ___ c. former name of France |
| 4. Italian | ___ d. Duke of Normandy |
| 5. William the Conqueror | ___ e. Romance language |
| 6. Switzerland | ___ f. Language which contributed to French |
| 7. Celtic | ___ g. Country of Europe |
| 8. Eastern Canada | ___ h. Regions where the French kings held courts |

B. In your own words explain what a cognate is. (2pts)

C. Give an English cognate for these French words. (5 pts)

1. Faim _____
2. Appeler _____
3. Pauvre _____
4. Maison _____
5. Doigt _____

D. Give an French cognate for these English words. (8 pts)

1. Infant _____
2. Blank _____
3. Petty _____
4. Mutton _____
5. Canine _____
6. Feminine _____
7. State _____
8. Pedal _____