Introduction To Early Modern English

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The early modern English period follows the Middle English period towards the end. Not long before, the introduction of the craft of printing in 1476 by William Caxton set in motion the dissemination of printed books, which led to a great increase in the number of books available to the public. This in turn led to an increase in literacy among the educated classes, who were now able to read the works of the great authors of the time. The introduction of the printing press also had a significant impact on the English language, as it made it possible to print books in English for the first time. This led to a greater awareness of the language and to a greater appreciation of its beauty and flexibility. The early modern English period was a time of great intellectual and cultural ferment, and the innovations in printing and literacy helped to shape the language that we use today.