**Group work:**

* **Group 1 “The Main Historical Events of Middle English Period”**
* **Group 2 “General Characteristics of the Phonology in the Middle English Period”**

Read the first lines of the poem and analyze the ME vocabulary, phonology, morphology, and syntax.

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| **Sir Gawain and the Green Knight** | |
| 1 Siþen þe sege and þe assaut watz sesed at Troye,  2 þe borg brittened and brent to brondez and askez,  3 þe tulk þat þe trammes of tresoun þer wrogt,  4 watz tried for his tricherie þe trewest on erþe. 5 Hit watz Ennias þe athel and his highe kynde,  6 þat siþen depreced prouinces and patrounes bicome  7 welnege of al þe wele in þe west iles.  8 Fro riche Romulus to Rome ricchis hym swyþe 9 with gret bobbaunce þat burge he biges vpon fyrst  10 and neuenes hit his aune nome as hit now hat.  11 Ticius to Tuskan and teldes bigynnes.  12 Langaberde in Lumbardie lyftes vp homes. 13 And fer ouer þe French flod Felix Brutus  14 on mony bonkkes ful brode Bretayn he settez  15 wyth wynne.  16 Where werre and wrake and wonder  17 bi syþez hatz wont þerinne.  18 And oft boþe blysse and blunder.  19 ful skete hatz skyfted synne. | Soon as the siege and assault had ceased at Troy,  the burg broken and burnt to brands and ashes,  the traitor who trammels of treason there wrought  was tried for his treachery, the foulest on earth.  It was Aeneas the noble and his high kin  who then subdued provinces, lords they became,  well-nigh of all the wealth in the Western Isles:  forth rich Romulus to Rome rapidly came,  with great business that burg he builds up first,  and names it with his name, as now it has;  Ticius to Tuscany, and townships begins;  Langobard in Lombardy lifts up homes;  and fared over the French flood Felix Brutus  on many banks all broad Britain he settles  then,  where war and wreck and wonder  betimes have worked within,  and oft both bliss and blunder  have held sway swiftly since. |

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| Dictionary | |
| 1. **athel** *noble* 2. **aune** *own* 3. **Bi** *at* 4. **biges** *builds* 5. **bigynnes** *founds* 6. **bobbaunce** *pomp* 7. **bonkkes** *hill-sides* 8. **bor3** *city* 9. **boþe** *both* 10. **Bretayn** *Britain* 11. **brittened** *destroyed* 12. **brode** *broad* 13. **brondez** *brands* 14. **depreced** *subjugate* 15. **erþe** *earth* 16. **fer** *far* 17. **flod** *sea* 18. **Fro** *after* 19. **ful** *very* 20. **hat** *is called* 21. **hatz** *have* 22. **hym** *himself* 23. **kynde** *offspring* 24. **lyftes** *builds* 25. **mony** *many* | 1. **neuenes** *names* 2. **nome** *name* 3. **patrounes** *lords* 4. **prouinces** *realms* 5. **ricchis** *makes one’s way* 6. **riche** *noble* 7. **settez** *establishes* 8. **siþen** *after*, afterwards 9. **skete** *quickly* 10. **skyfted** *alternated* 11. **swyþe** *quickly* 12. **synne** *since then* 13. **syþez** *times* 14. **teldes** *dwellings* 15. **trammes** *machinations* 16. **trewest** *most certain* 17. **tulk** *man* 18. **vpon fyrst** *first* 19. **wele** *wealth* 20. **Welne3e** *almost* 21. **werre** *strife* 22. **wont** *lived* 23. **wrake** *distress* 24. **wro3t** *devised* 25. **wynne** *joy* |