

Teuton

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English

Etymology

Attested since 1720, from Latin *Teutonēs*, *Teutonī* (“the Teutons”)^[1] (cf. Ancient Greek Τεύτονες (*Teútones*)), a Germanic or Celtic tribe that inhabited a coastal area in today’s Germany and devastated Gaul between 113 and 101 BCE. Possibly from Proto-Indo-European **tewtéh₂* (“people”), from which come:

- Proto-Celtic **toutā* (whence Old Irish *túath*),
- Proto-Germanic **peudanaz* (“ruler, leader of the people”) (whence Gothic 𐍀𐍄𐍅𐍂𐍆𐍂𐍆𐍂𐍄𐍂𐍆 (*biudans*, “king”),
- Old Norse *þjóðann* (“prince, king”),
- Old Saxon *biudan* (“lord of the people, ruler”),
- Old English *þēoden* (“king, lord”),
- Proto-Germanic **peudō* (“people”) (whence Old English *þēod* (“nation, people, country, language”)),
- Russian чужо́й (*čužój*, “stranger”),
- чудно (*čudno*, “strange”),
- чудо (*čúdo*, “miracle”)(Can this⁽⁺⁾ etymology be sourced?),
- the English word *Dutch*
- and the German autonym *deutsch*. Also cognate with English *thede*.

Pronunciation

- (US) IPA^(key): /ˈt(j)u.tən/, /ˈt(j)u.tan/

- (UK) IPA^(key): /'t(j)u:.tən/, /'t(j)u:.tɒn/

Noun

Teuton (plural Teutons)

1. (*historical*) A member of an early Germanic tribe living in Jutland noted in historical writings by Greek and Roman authors.

- **1864**, Charles Kingsley, *The Roman and the **Teuton**: A Series of Lectures Delivered Before the University of Cambridge*, page 220 (http://books.google.com.au/books?id=1WEBAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA220&dq=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&hl=en&sa=X&ei=ngH7Uqf_HoeOIQWX9IGACg&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&f=false):

The difference between the Clergy and the **Teuton** conquerors was more than a difference of creed, or of civilization. It was an actual difference of race. They were Romans, to whom the **Teuton** was a savage, speaking a different tongue, obeying different laws, his whole theory of the universe different from the Roman.

- **1946**, Arnold Joseph Toynbee, *A Study of History*^[1] (http://books.google.com.au/books?id=FBh462QXBgoC&pg=PA153&dq=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&hl=en&sa=X&ei=ngH7Uqf_HoeOIQWX9IGACg&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&f=false), volume 1, page 153:

We have noted that the Teutonic layer of European barbarians, unlike the Celtic layer, resisted the disintegrating action of Hellenism to such effect that the **Teutons** were able to take their place in the external proletariat of the Hellenic World and to dispatch the Hellenic Society in its death agonies with the *coup de grâce*.

- **2007**, Judika Illes, *Pure Magic: A Complete Course in Spellcasting*^[2] (http://books.google.com.au/books?id=AzPtWdpG-9MC&pg=PA8&dq=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&hl=en&sa=X&ei=ngH7Uqf_HoeOIQWX9IGACg&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&f=false), page 8:

Some fifteen hundred years ago, the **Teuton** tribes of Northern Europe held an annual ceremony. [...] We can't presume to understand all that this specific ritual meant to the **Teutons** nor precisely what their expectations might have been.

- **2012**, Peter Longerich, *Heinrich Himmler: A Life*^[3] (http://books.google.com.au/books?id=dtUQljnX8v4C&pg=PA271&dq=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&hl=en&sa=X&ei=ngH7Uqf_HoeOIQWX9IGACg&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&f=false), page 271:

What he imagined the social order and the experience of the **Teutons** actually to have been, and why this lost world should represent an ideal, is, it must be said, hard to discover. His pronouncements on the **Teutons** of the Dark Ages are decidedly sparse.

2. (*historical*) A member of the Teutonic Order.

- **2008**, K. M. Lucchese, *Folk Like Me: The Read-Aloud Book of Saints*^[4] (http://books.google.com.au/books?id=1AT-jrcMM8QC&pg=PA51&dq=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&hl=en&sa=X&ei=_Sr7UvXrLoKOkwXuwICwAw&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&f=false), page 51:

The third threat, from the Teutonic Knights of Germany, was the worst, because the Crusader **Teutons** wanted *not only* Russian land but also to kill off the people of Russia because they were a different kind of Christian from them!

- **2009**, Kadir I. Natho, *Circassian History*^[5] (http://books.google.com.au/books?id=eE2pDLgibVoC&pg=PA177&dq=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&hl=en&sa=X&ei=_Sr7UvXrLoKOkwXuwICwAw&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&f=false), page 177:

Its garrison consisted of the Templars and Hospitalliers, the knights of Cyprus, **Teutons**, French, English, Pizzan, Venetian, and Genoan mercenaries. [...] On the following day the New Tower of the city, which was defended by the **Teuton** knights, was taken by assault.

3. A member of any Germanic-language-speaking people, especially a German.

- **1901**, Edward Alsworth Ross, *Social Control: A Survey of the Foundations of Order*, 2009, page 16 (http://books.google.com.au/books?id=c08PekqsQFUC&pg=PA16&dq=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&hl=en&sa=X&ei=ngH7Uqf_HoeOIQWX9IGACg&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&f=false):

In the first place, a prolonged struggle in the North Temperate Zone, with a harsh, though not a depressing, natural environment, endows the **Teuton** with unusual energy and initiative. Then centuries of wanderings in which the strong set forth and the weak and timid stay behind, brings the **Teuton** to the west of Europe, to the British Isles, and to America, with a courage, enterprise, and self-assertion rare in the history of man. The **Teuton** becomes the Anglo-Saxon, and therewith less apt for the gregarious life.

- **1915**, G. K. Chesterton, *The Crimes of England*, 2008, unnumbered page (http://books.google.com.au/books?id=UtpB8mOtqwC&pg=PT62&dq=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&hl=en&sa=X&ei=ngH7Uqf_HoeOIQWX9IGACg&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&f=false):

Every **Teuton** must fall on his face before an inferior **Teuton**; until they all find, in the foul marshes towards the Baltic, the very lowest of all possible **Teutons**, and worship him--and find he is a Slav. So much for Pan-Germanism.

- **1976**, Harry R. Boer, *A Short History of the Early Church*^[6] (http://books.google.com.au/books?id=B0EnolOr0YsC&pg=PA122&dq=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&hl=en&sa=X&ei=_Sr7UvXrLoKOkwXuwICwAw&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=%22Teuton%22%7C%22Teutons%22&f=false), page 122:

The history of the **Teutons**, or Germans, as they are more commonly called, is very much like that of the Bantu in central Africa.

Related terms

- Teutonic

Translations

member of a Germanic tribe

- Arabic: **تُونِيّ** *m.* (tutuniyy)
- Chinese:
 - Mandarin: **條頓人** *(zh)*, **条顿人** *(zh)* (Tiádùnrén)
- Czech: **Germán** *(cs)* *m.*
- Danish: **teutoner** *g*
- Esperanto: **teŭtono** (*man or woman*), **teŭtonino** (*woman*)
- Finnish: **teutoni** *(fi)*
- French: **Teuton** *(fr)* *m.*, **Teutonne** *(fr)* *f*
- German: **Teutone** *(de)* *m.*, **Teutonin** *(de)* *f*
- Japanese: **テウトネス** (Teutonesu)
- Marathi: **ट्यूटॉन** (ṭyūṭõṅ)
- Norwegian:
 - Bokmål: **teutoner** *m.*
 - Nynorsk: **teutonar** *m.*
- Polish: **Germanin** *(pl)* *m.*, **Germanka** *(pl)* *f*, **Teuton** *(pl)* *m.*
- Portuguese: **teutão** *(pt)* *m.*
- Romanian: **teuton** *(ro)* *m.*
- Russian: **ТЕВТОН** *(ru)* *m.* (tevtón), **ТЕВТОНКА** *(ru)* *f* (tevtónka)
- Spanish: **teutón** *(es)* *m.*, **teutona** *(es)* *f*

German

- Danish: **teutoner** *g* (*uncommon*)
- Finnish: **teutoni** *(fi)*
- Marathi: **ट्यूटॉन** (ṭyūṭõṅ)
- Russian: **ТЕВТОН** *(ru)* *m.* (tevtón), **ТЕВТОНКА** *(ru)* *f* (tevtónka)
- Spanish: **teutón** *(es)* *m.*, **teutona** *(es)* *f*

See also

- Aryan
- Goth

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Anagrams

- tenuto

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