Surnames

Surnames did not become necessary until about 1,000 A.D.

The common person simply didn't come in contact with enough people to warrant *two* names

Many names were taken from the person's profession	Carpenter, Miller, Baker
Geographical features near where they lived	Hill, Brooks, Forrest, Dale
Characteristics the person shared with animals	Fox, Wolfe, Bird
Associations with a royal or an official title	Prince, King

Surnames

Physical features   Stout, Beardsley, Long, Short

Disposition or Condition   Moody, Gay, Wise, Rich

Patronymics (Surnames created from your Father's name)

Ireland   O' + Father's name

Scandinavian   Father's name + son

Norman/French   Fitz + Father's name

Scots   Mac + Father's name

Dutch   Van + Father's name

German   Von + Father's name