Medieval Literature Reading List (1100s – early 1400s)

Primary

English Romance / Breton Lais:

- Alliterative Morte Arthur

Works of the Gawain-Poet
- Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
- Pearl
- Cleanness
- Patience
- Saint Erkenwald

Erl of Toulouse

Marie de France, Lais
- Prologue
- Guigemar
- Equitan
- Le Fresne
- Bisclavret
- Lanval
- Les Deux Amanz
- Tonec
- Laustic
- Milon
- Chaitivel
- Chrefofol
- Elistes

Auchinleck MS:
- Amis and Amiloun
- Richard Coeur de Lion
- Guy of Warwick
- Sir Degare
- Floris and Blancheflour
- Seven Sages of Rome
- Saint Patrick's Purgatory
- The King of Tars
- Sir Beves of Hampton
- Lay le Freine
- Sir Orfeo

King Horn

Havelok the Dane

Religious / Mystical:

- South English Legendary
- The Katherine Group
- Holy Maidenhood
- Sawles Warde
- Saint Juliana
- Saint Margaret
- Saint Katherine

The Wohunge Group
- An Orison of God Almighty
- A Lovesong of Our Lord
- A Lovesong of Our Lady
- The Wooing of Our Lord

_Ancrene Ritole_

Richard Rolle, _Meditations_

Nicholas Love, _The Mirror of the Blessed Life of Jesus Christ_ (Selections)

_The Cloud of Unknowing_


Julian of Norwich, _The Writings of Julian of Norwich: A Vision showed to a Devout Woman and a Revelation of Love_ (ed. Nicholas Watson, Jacqueline Jenkins)

English Wycliffite Writings, ed. Anne Hudson (Selections)

Ricardian poetry / late medieval England: John Gower, _Confessio Amantis_

Thomas Hoccleve, _Regiment of Princes_

William Langland, _Piers Plowman B-Text_

French (12th-15th c.):

Chretien de Troyes
- Yvain
- Erec et Enide
- Cliges
- Le Chevalier de la Charette
- Le Conte du Graal

_Roman d'Eneas_

_Roman de Thebes_

_Roman de Troie_
Chanson de Roland

Roman de la Rose

Christine de Pizan, City of Ladies

Latin texts:

Gerald of Wales, Topographia Hiberniae; Itinerarium Kambriae

Matthew Paris, The Life of St. Edward the Confessor

Andreas Capellanus, The Art of Courtly Love

Peter Abelard, Historia Calamitatum

Other:

The Owl and the Nightingale

The Flower and the Leaf

Middle English Lyrics

Criticism

Caroline Walker Bynum, Jesus as Mother; Holy Feast and Holy Fast: The Religious Significance of Food to Medieval Women

Paul Strohm, Social Chaucer

R.W. Southern, The Making of the Middle Ages

Richard Firth Green, Poets and Princepleasers: Literature and the English Court in the Middle Ages

Ralph Hanna, London Literature, 1300-1380

Alistair Minnis, Translations of Authority in Medieval Literature: Valuing the Vernacular

Susan Crane, The Performance of Self: Ritual, Clothing, and Identity during the Hundred Years War

Olson, Glending. Literature as Recreation in the Later Middle Ages

R. Howard Bloch, Medieval Misogyny and the Invention of Western Romantic Love