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Medieval Reading List  
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Late Antique  
1. Augustine. *Confessions; City of God* (Books I-III)

Old English  
2. *Beowulf*  

Epic and Romance  
4. *The Alliterative Morte Arthure*  
5. *Amis and Amiloun*  
6. *La Chanson de Roland*  
8. Marie de France. *Lais*  
9. Robert of Cisylte  
10. *Sir Orfeo*  
11. Pearl Poet. *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*  
12. Thomas Malory. *Le Morte Darthur* (except Tristan)

Historical  
13. Geoffrey of Monmouth. *The History of the Kings of Britain*

Devotional  
17. Pearl Poet. *Cleanness, Patience, Pearl*

Continental  
18. Boccaccio. *De Cameron* (selections)  
   *City of Ladies*  
   *Ditie de Jehanne d’Arc*  
20. Chretien de Troyes. *Le Chevalier de la Charrette, Erec and Enide, Yvain*  
21. Dante. *Divine Comedy*  
22. Romance of the Rose (focus on Guillaume de Lorris portion)

23. Chaucer  
   *The Canterbury Tales*  
   *Book of the Duchess*  
   *House of Fame*  
   *Legend of Good Women*  
   *Parliament of Fowls*  
   *Troilus and Criseyde*
Short poems: “Adam Scriven,” “Lack of Steadfastness,” “To Rosamunde,” “Envoy to Scogan”


**Other Poems**
25. *Assembly of Ladies*
26. *The Floure and the Leafe*
27. Thomas Hoccleve. ‘My Compleinte’ and Other Poems
28. *The Owl and the Nightingale*

**Plays**
29. *Croston Play of the Sacrament*
30. *The Digby Mary Magdalene*
31. *Mankind*
32. *N-Town Mary Play*

33. **Paston Letters** (selections)

**Secondary Texts**
2. Cooper, Helen. *English Romance in Time*
3. Crane, Susan. *Gender and Romance in Chaucer*
4. Dinshaw, Caroline. *Chaucer's Sexual Poetics*
5. Lavezzo, Kathy, ed. *Imagining a Medieval English Nation* (select essays)
7. Patterson, Lee. *Chaucer and the Subject of History*
8. Simpson, James. *Reform and Cultural Revolution, 1350-1547*
10. Wallace, David. *Chaucerian Polity*