

Part One Reading: History of the English Language

I. Primary Texts

(The Middle English texts are included as representative of specific metrical innovations.)

Beowulf

The Rhyming Poem

Judith

The Battle of Maldon

Death of Edward

Durham

Ælfric's rhythmical prose:

Life of Cuthbert

Life of Edmund

Life of St. Oswald

The Proverbs of Alfred

Poema Morale

The Owl and the Nightingale

Winner and Waster

II. Overview material

(This section focuses on language contact as a factor in phonological, prosodic, metrical and lexical change. The primary texts included in the Medieval and Renaissance Reading Lists will also be referenced in the questions on these aspects of the language history.)

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Hogg, Richard and David Denison eds. (2008.) *A History of the English Language*. CUP.

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Minkova, Donka (2014) *A Historical Phonology of English*. EUP and OUP.

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