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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*
3. Shorter Poems: "Caedmon's Hymn;" "Dream of the Rood"; *Elene; Judith*

Epic and Romance

4. *The Alliterative Morte Arthure*
5. *Amis and Amiloun*
6. *La Chanson de Roland*
7. John Lydgate. *Troy Book* (selections)
8. Marie de France. *Lais*
9. *Robert of Cisyle*
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

14. John Gower. *Confessio Amantis* (selections)
15. William Langland. *The Vision of Piers Plowman* (B-Version, "autobiographical" passage from C-Version)
16. Nicholas Love. *The Mirror of the Blessed Life of Jesus Christ*
17. Pearl Poet. *Cleanness, Patience, Pearl*

Continental

18. Boccaccio. *De Cameron* (selections)
19. Christine de Pizan. *The Book of the Duke of True Lovers*
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"

24. Robert Henryson. *The Testament of Cresseid*

Other Poems

25. *Assembly of Ladies*

26. *The Flour and the Leafe*

27. Thomas Hoccleve. 'My Complaynte' and Other Poems

28. *The Owl and the Nightingale*

Plays

29. *Croxton Play of the Sacrament*

30. *The Digby Mary Magdalene*

31. *Mankind*

32. *N-Town Mary Play*

33. **Paston Letters** (selections)

Secondary Texts

1. Bynum, Caroline Walker. *Holy Feast and Holy Fast: the Religious Significance of Food to Medieval Women*.

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)

6. Lochrie, Karma. *Covert Operation: The Medieval Uses of Secrecy* (selections)

7. Patterson, Lee. *Chaucer and the Subject of History*

8. Simpson, James. *Reform and Cultural Revolution, 1350-1547*

9. Strohm, Paul. *Social Chaucer*

10. Wallace, David. *Chaucerian Polity*