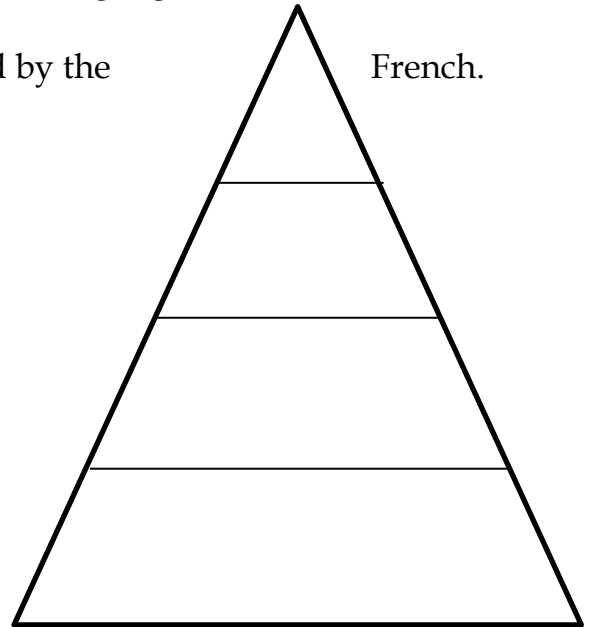


THE MIDDLE AGES/MEDIEVAL ROMANCE STUDY GUIDE

The Middle Ages - General

1. The Norman Invasion began in...
2. _____ of Normandy won at the battle of _____ and became king.
3. _____ & _____ replaced English as the language of court and church.
4. _____ was a social hierarchy introduced by the _____ French.
5. Place the following in the pyramid to the right:
 - a. Serf
 - b. Feudal Lords
 - c. King
 - d. Vassals
6. Chivalry is...
7. Courtly love is...
8. The beginning of the end of feudalism coincided with the rise of England's ...
9. The Crusades were...
10. The special order of knights commissioned was known as...
11. They brought back from the east...
12. The _____ was signed in _____ which curbed the King's power and was the basis for constitutional law.
13. The _____ (_____ - _____) marked the end of the age of _____.



14. The _____, or _____ struck England in _____.
15. It killed _____ of England's inhabitants.
16. The resulting labor shortage caused the rise of the...

The Canterbury Tales

17. _____ wrote the Canterbury Tales
18. The Canterbury Tales was the first work written in...
19. The author was the first person buried in...
20. Their pilgrimage was to the...
21. There were _____ people in their company.
22. The travelers represented a _____ or social classes.
23. What do they plan to do while on their journey?

The Pardoner's Tale

24. What do the three rioters decide to seek out?
25. What do they find on the side of the road?
26. When they are told where to find death, what do they find?
27. How do the two oldest rioters plan on killing the youngest?
28. How does the youngest rioter plan on killing the two oldest?

The Wife of Bath's Tale

29. In what time period does the story take place
30. What drives away the fairies and the old ways?

31. What is the knight's crime?
32. What task must he accomplish to spare his life?
33. What does he find on his quest?
34. What must he do to get the answer?
35. What answer does he receive?
36. Why doesn't the knight want to keep up his end of the bargain?
37. What happens to the crone when he gives in?

Medieval Romance/The Arthurian Legends - General

38. What are the characteristics of Medieval Romance?
39. The first record of Arthur appeared in the _____ and places him in the _____ century.
40. The most extensive compilation was _____ written by _____.
41. This places Arthur in the _____ century.
42. The spread of this work was aided by the introduction of the _____ by _____ in _____.

The Birth of Arthur

43. What is it that upsets Igraine and her husband?
44. How does Merlin assist Uther in his desires?
45. What does Merlin claim as his reward?
46. What becomes of young Arthur?

The Sword in the Stone

47. What were the problems faced by King Uther Pendragon upon his deathbed?
48. What promise does Merlin make regarding Uther on his deathbed?
49. Merlin foretells a sign of the future king. What is it?
50. What factors align to allow Arthur to pull the sword from the stone?
51. What reason does Merlin give for hiding Arthur?

The Lady of the Lake and Excalibur

52. What reasons does Merlin give to Arthur why he should not fight Sir Pellinore?
53. How does Merlin intervene?
54. Which is more valuable, Excalibur or its scabbard...why?

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

55. Why does the Green Knight go to Camelot?
56. What does he offer to show his intentions and what does it mean?
57. What does Arthur think the Green Knight Came for?
58. What does the Green Knight ask for?
59. Who eventually takes up the challenge and why?
60. On his journey, Gawain stays with a lord and his lady...what are the lord's demands?
61. What does the lady offer Gawain first/second?
62. What does the lady offer next and what is his response?
63. What does the lady offer next and what is his response?
64. What does this say of Gawain?
65. When Gawain appears before the Green Knight what happens upon the first stroke?

66. The second?
67. The third?
68. What does the Green Knight accuse Sir Gawain of?
69. What is Gawain's response?
70. How does the Green Knight respond?
71. Who did the lord Gawain stayed with wind up being?

Le Morte D'Arthur

72. What does Arthur's dream prophesize?
73. What does he tell his men to do?
74. What botches the plan?
75. What happens to Arthur upon his confrontation with Mordred?
76. And Mordred?
77. What happened to Sir Lucan?
78. What does Arthur ask Sir Bedivere to do?
79. What does he do each time?
80. Where is Arthur taken?
81. Why?
82. What becomes of Sir Bedivere?
83. What becomes of Lady Guinevere?
84. What is written on the tomb of King Arthur?