Eng 3800-001: Medieval English Literature

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Texts:
Beadle and King, eds., York Mystery Plays
Bradley, ed., Anglo-Saxon Poetry
Cawley, ed., Pearl...Sir Gawain
Duncan, ed., Medieval English Lyrics, 1200-1400
Gardner, ed., The Alliterative Morte Arthure, etc.
Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love
Margery Kempe, Book of Margery Kempe
William Langland, Piers Plowman
Thomas Malory, Works

Schedule of Readings and Assignments

August 26: Introduction to Old English

September 2: Beowulf, in Bradley

9: Introduction to Middle English
The Owl and the Nightingale, The Parliament of the Three Ages,
The Debate of Body and Soul, in Gardner

16: The Alliterative Morte Arthure, in Gardner

23: Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, I-II

30: Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, III-IV
**Essay #1 Due**

October 7: Secular Lyrics, in Duncan
MEDIEVAL FEAST

14: Religious Lyrics, in Duncan

21: Margery Kempe, Chapters 1-16, 18, 46-54, 79-81
Julian of Norwich, Chapters 1-10, 22-25, 29-30, 51, 54, 59-66

28: Pearl

November 4: Langland, Piers Plowman, pp. 1-77
**Essay #2 Due**

November 18: Malory, "Sir Launcelot and Queen Quinevere" and "Morte Arthur"

25: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

December 2: York Mystery Plays, 1-124

9: York Mystery Plays, 125-236+
**Essay #3 Due**

Final Examination: Tuesday, December 16, 7:30-9:30pm

Course Requirements and Grading

Final Grades will be determined on a 100-point scale:

- Essays (3 @ 20 points each) 60 points
- Final Examination 30 points
- Participation 10 points

Course Grade: A=90-100; B=80-80.99; C=70-70.99; D=60-60.99; F=below 60

Essays. Assuming adequate writing skills (grammar, mechanics, style, etc.), grading will be based primarily on the thoughtfulness of your ideas.

Course/University Policies

Typing. All essays must be typed (double-spaced with one-inch margins).

Honor Policy. Education depends on trust. Should you cheat and I find out about it, you can expect to fail the course. The University may take additional action.

Plagiarism. If you use other people's words or ideas without citing your sources and indicating when you have quoted, you risk failing an assignment or even the course depending on how serious I deem the offense. If you are not sure what plagiarism is, or whether a particular use of language is plagiarism, ask me before you turn in an assignment.

Students with Disabilities. "If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible."