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Texts:
- Beowulf (Heaney, trans.)
- Geoffrey Chaucer, The Canterbury Tales
- Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love (Wolters, trans.)
- The Book of Margery Kempe (Windeatt, trans.)
- The Lais of Marie de France (Hanning and Ferrante, trans.)
- William Langland, Piers Plowman (Schmidt, ed.)
- Thomas Malory, Complete Works (Vinaver, ed.)
- Medieval English Lyrics, 1200-1400 (Duncan, ed.)
- Middle English Romances (Shepherd, ed.)
- The Complete Works of the Pearl Poet (Finch, trans.; Andrew and Waldron, eds.)

Schedule of Readings and Assignments

August 23: Old English
-ACaedmon=s Hymn, AThe Dream of the Rood, AThe Wanderer, Riddles (handouts)

30: Beowulf

Sept. 6: 1066-1300 or When They Wrote in French in England
-The Lais of Marie de France

13: Chrétien de Troyes, The Knight of the Cart and The Knight with the Lion
Paper #1

20: Middle English: Romance
-Sir Orfeo, The Weddyng of SIR Gawen and Dame Ragnell (in Shepherd)
-Geoffrey Chaucer, The Wife of Bath=s Tale

27: Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

October 4: Medieval English Lyrics, # 1, 5, 17, 25, 110, 113, 118, 122, 124, 125, 127, 132

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

18: Geoffrey Chaucer, The Prioresse=s Tale
Midterm Exam

25: Pearl
26-27: Beowulf Conference

Nov. 1: Piers Plowman, Vision I, pp. 1-41
Paper #2

8: Medieval Feast
-Medieval English Lyrics, # 42, 52, 54, 63, 70, 73, 79
Final grades will be determined on a 100-point scale:

- **Midterm Exam**: 20 points
- **Two Papers**: 40 points
- **Final Exam**: 30 points
- **Participation**: 10 points

**Course Grade**: A= 91-100; B= 82-90.99; C= 73-81.99; D = 65-72.99; F = below 65

**Exams**. The exams will combine essays and identifications. I will distribute study sheets in advance of each exam.

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