ENGLISH 208H
ARTHURIAN LEGEND
Fall 2000
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TEXTS
Wilhelm & Gross, eds. *The Romance of Arthur*
Brewer, ed. Malory, *Morte D'Arthur*
Loomis & Loomis, *Medieval Romances*
White, T.H. *The Sword in the Stone*
Stewart, M. *The Hollow Hills*

Optional: Zimmer Bradley, M. *The Mists of Avalon*
Recommended: Aaron and McArthur, *The Little Brown Compact Handbook* (First Canadian Edition) (Royalties from the purchase of this book go to an English Scholarship Fund)

DATE
September
12 Introduction
14 Pattern of Development
19 Arthur in the Latin Chronicles *(Rom)*
21 Arthur in the Early Welsh Tradition *(Rom)*
26-28 “The Tale of Culhwch and Olwen” *(Rom)*

October
3 - 5 Arthur in Geoffrey of Monmouth *(Rom)*
10 The Alliterative *Morte Arthure (Rom)*
12-17 Lancelot, Courtly Love - Chrétien de Troyes, *Lancelot (Rom)*
“The Saga of the Mantle” *(Rom)*
Tristan and Isolde - Gottfried von Strassburg, *Tristan and Isolt (Med Rom)*
Thomas of Britain, *Tristan (“The Death Scene”) (Rom)*
Marie de France, “The Lay of Chievrefueill” *(Rom)*
26-31 Gawain - *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (Rom and Med Rom)*

Nov.
2 Term Test
7-14 Malory, *The Book of Balin (Med Rom)*
*Morte D’Arthur*
16-21 White, *The Sword in the Stone*
23-28 Stewart, *The Hollow Hills*
30 Optional class - Bradley, *Mists of Avalon*

Dec.
4 Review and exam preparation

ASSIGNMENTS: Term Test, one hour, Nov. 2, worth 20%.
Final examination, three hours, worth 40%.
Either two shorter essays (approximately 5 pages or 1300 words each), due Oct. 12 and Nov. 16, and worth 20% each, or one longer essay (approximately 10 pages or 2500 words), due Nov. 16, worth 40%.