ENGLISH 208H

ARTHURIAN LEGEND
Winter 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
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        READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS
January
4       Introduction
6       Pattern of Development
11      Arthur in the Latin Chronicles (Rom)
13      Arthur in the Early Welsh Tradition (Rom)
18      "The Tale of Culhwch and Olwen" (Rom)
20      Arthur in Geoffrey of Monmouth (Rom)
25      The Alliterative Morte Arthure (Rom) -
27      Lancelot, Courtly Love - Chrétien de Troyes, Lancelot (Rom)

February
1       "The Saga of the Mantle" (Rom)
3       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 Chievrefueil" (Rom)
8-17    The Grail - Chrétien de Troyes, Perceval, or the Story of the Grail (Med Rom)
29      Gawain - Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (Rom and Med Rom)

March
2       Gawain cont'd
March
7       Term Test
9-16    Malory, The Book of Balin (Med Rom)
        Morte D'Arthur
21-23   White, The Sword in the Stone
28-30   Bradley, Mists of Avalon

ASSIGNMENTS: Term Test, one hour, March 7, worth 20%.
Final examination, three hours, worth 40%.
Either two shorter essays (approximately 5 pages or 1300 words each), due
February 10 and March 9, and worth 20% each, or one longer essay
(approximately 10 pages or 2500 words), due March 9, worth 40%.