Medieval Reading List
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Old English
1. Beowulf
2. Cædmon’s Hymn
3. The Dream of the Rood
4. The Wanderer
5. The Battle of Maldon
6. Judith
7. The Battle of Finnsburg
8. The Seafarer
9. The Wife’s Lament (my addition—added for gender)
10. Wulf and Eadwacer (my addition—added for gender)
11. Ælfric, “Sermon on the Sacrifice on Easter Day”

Middle English
13. Layamon, Brut
14. Chaucer, Wife of Bath’s Tale & Prologue;
15. Chaucer, Prioress’s Tale & Prologue
16. Chaucer, Man of Law’s Tale & Prologue
17. Chaucer, Book of the Duchess
18. Chaucer, House of Fame
19. Chaucer, Legend of Good Women
20. Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
21. Pearl
22. Langland, Piers Plowman – selection (harrowing of hell)
23. Havelok
24. King of Tars
25. Sir Gowther
26. Emaré
27. Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love
28. The Book of Margery Kempe
29. Everyman
30. Croxton Play of the Sacrament

Intellectual and Cultural Background
31. Marie de France, Lais
32-36. Chrétien, Erec, Yvain, Lancelot, Perceval, Cligés
37. Christine de Pisan, Le livre de la cité des dames - prologue
38. Alain de Lille, De planctu naturae – selection
39. Guillaume de Lorris and Jean de Meun, Roman de la Rose - selection
40. Hildegard, Scivias (my addition—added for gender)

Secondary Works
43. Aisling Byrne, *Otherworlds: Fantasy and History in Medieval Literature* (Oxford: OUP 2016)