

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"
12. Ælfric, "On the False Gods"

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

41. Gillian R. Overing, *Language, Sign, and Gender in Beowulf* (Carbondale: Southern Illinois UP, 1990)
42. Mary Carruthers, *The Book of Memory* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1990)
43. Aisling Byrne, *Otherworlds: Fantasy and History in Medieval Literature* (Oxford: OUP 2016)
44. Karma Lochrie, *Covert Operations: The Medieval Uses of Secrecy* (Pennsylvania UP 2012).
45. Geraldine Heng, *The Invention of Race in the European Middle Ages* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2018)
46. J.R.R. Tolkien, "Beowulf: The Monsters and the Critics," *PBA* 22 (1936)