

Monuments and Masterpieces of France

Section 03AF

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Tuesday 7th period

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Thursday 7th and 8th periods

THE TALES OF KING ARTHUR

1. THEME OF COURSE

Arthur, Guinevere, Tristan, Isolt, Lancelot, and Perceval are not historical personages. They are literary characters in romances created first by poets in twelfth- and thirteenth-century France. This course will scrutinize the relationship of literature to historical reality, including the mind-set of a feudal-aristocratic and classical-Christian culture, knighthood and chivalry, attitudes toward women (courtly love), the nature of literature, and the creation of myth. The Arthurian world is one of the great, perhaps the greatest, myth of modern times. The class will be conducted in English.

2. STUDENT WORK AND EXPECTATIONS

- The course will be conducted as a seminar. Students are expected to keep up with reading assignments and to participate actively in class discussion.
- No exams or quizzes
- One 10-12 page paper
- No incompletes

3. TEXTS FOR THE COURSE

The Lais of Marie de France. Tr. Robert Hanning and Joan Ferrante

Beroul, *The Romance of Tristan*. Tr. Alan Fedrick

Thomas of Britain, *Tristram*. Tr. Stewart Gregory (Packet)

Chretien de Troyes, *Lancelot, or The Knight of the Cart*. Tr. Ruth Cline

Chretien de Troyes, *Yvain, or The Knight with the Lion*. Tr. Ruth Cline

The Death of King Arthur. Tr. James Cable

Renard the Fox. Tr. Patricia Terry

4. SCHEDULE

Jan. 5	Introduction
Jan. 7	Courtly Lyrics (handout)
Jan. 12 -- 21	Marie
Jan. 26 -- Feb. 2	Beroul
Feb. 4 --11	Thomas
Feb. 16 -- 23	<i>Lancelot</i>
Feb. 25	<i>Yvain</i>
March 1 -- 3	Secular Holiday
March 8	<i>Yvain</i>
March 10	Reading Period
March 15 -- 17	<i>Yvain</i>
March 22 -- 31	<i>King Arthur</i>
April 5 --14	<i>Renard</i>
April 19	Conclusion

5. COMMUNICATION

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