ENGL 343: Later Middle English Literature  
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In ENGL 343 we will cover a range of literary texts in Middle English from the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. This will include, for example, travel, romance and confessional literature, and will incorporate a wide variety of perspectives and styles. In addition to our two required texts (The Book of John Mandeville and The Book of Margery Kempe), we will study others that need not be purchased, such as Sir Orfeo and Hoccleve’s Complaint. Through discussions and assignments you will become comfortable with reading Middle English and will develop your skills in critical thinking, research and academic writing. Consequently, by the end of the course you will have developed a greater understanding of major themes and genres from later Middle English literature.

PROPOSED ASSIGNMENTS

- Translation exercises  20%
- Short essays  20%
- Research essay  30%
- Take-home final exam  30%

PROPOSED TEXTS