

**Romance** – a term applied to a verse narrative which traces the adventures of a brave knight or other hero who had to overcome danger for the love of a noble lady or high ideal.

**Romance Plot –**

basic plot – the hero battles evil and wins

Three part quest:

1. Dangerous journey
2. Central test to determine if hero truly has the qualities of a hero
3. Return to the point from which the story began

Purpose of the Gawain plot: to teach a moral lesson

Romances are usually set in the past. What is the time period of Sir Gawain?