

Middle Ages TEST 2012 Study Guide

Part 1: Please list the characteristics of each of the following.

1. What are the three characteristics of a Medieval Ballad?
2. What five elements lead to the breakdown of the feudal system?
3. What are the four characteristics of a Medieval man?
4. What are the eight characteristics of the Middle Ages?

Part 2: Answer these questions briefly, but in complete sentences.

1. Explain the *right of sanctuary*, then explain why the murder of Thomas a 'Becket at Canterbury destroyed the Church's *right of sanctuary*.
2. Discuss the three reasons why Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* represents an important development in British Literature.
3. Why did Chaucer choose to write the *Canterbury Tales* in the vernacular? What effect did this decision have on English Literature?
4. Explain Chaucer's original plan for the *Canterbury Tales*. In what way does the *Canterbury Tales* we have now differ from Chaucer's plan for the original?

Terms to Know

100 Years War	Morgan le Fay	Wife of Bath
Chivalry	Oxford Clerk	William the Conqueror
Cook	Pardoner	Yeoman
Crusades	Parson	
Divine right	Pearl Poet	
Doctor	Pilgrimage	
Everyman	Plague	
Excommunicate	Plowman	
Exemplum	Prologue	
Feudal system	Reeve	
Franklin	Romance	
Friar	Sergeant at Law	
Frame story	Sir Gawain	
Geoffrey Chaucer	Skipper	
Good Deeds	Squire	
Henry II	Summoner	
Host	Tabard	
Knight	Thomas a 'Becket	
Manciple	Tradesmen	
Merchant	Vassal	
Miller	Vernacular	
Monk	Verisimilitude	
Morality plays	West Highland	