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Read it, and you have a good basis for understanding 20th- and 21st-century Arthurian novels, movies, and TV series. It is the last item on this list of works, which provides I hope a sense of how the stories of Arthur, Merlin, and his knights evolved. Norris Lacy, *The Romance of Arthur: An Anthology of Medieval Texts in Translation* 3rd ed. It is particularly rich in 19th-century and early 20th-century materials. King Arthur Aloud offers audio files of readings from medieval Arthurian literature in Welsh, French, German, and English, in a scholarly reconstruction of the original pronunciation. An edition of a medieval work is usually a printed presentation of the text as found in one manuscript, with a few changes where the editor feels that the scribe misinterpreted a word. Sometimes the editor will include important variants from other manuscripts that is, extra lines or changed lines that make sense. Some editions attempt to give all variants from all available manuscripts. A translation into English will follow a certain style which may or may not convey the flavor of the original. For example, if verse is translated into prose, it will lose its sparkle; but if the original is very difficult verse or poor-quality verse, the prose translation may seem ideal for a reader who wants to get the gist of the story. Most online translations are public domain, i. Online translations into English: Gildas the Wise, *Ruin of Britain*, trans. Gildas does not mention Arthur but his description of the political situation and the Battle of Badon became part of the story of Arthur. Nennius, *Historia Brittonum* History of the Britons, 9th c. *Six Old English Chronicles*, trans. Giles; the Arthurian passage, trans. This is the earliest appearance of the Arthur who became King Arthur. *Annales Cambriae* Welsh Annals, 10th c. Online English translation by James Ingram; facsimile of first page including the two Arthur references from British Library Harley. Some are provided with translations into English. Welsh poems and stories Welsh elegies, triads, and bardic poems: A preface to the life of St. Goeznovius tells how Arthur fought the Saxons. Over the next century, long narrative poems and tales romances and some shorter poems *lais* were written about the adventures of various knights. In some of them, Arthur is just a casual character; in others, he plays a vital role. Geoffrey of Monmouth, *History of the Kings of Britain* ca. Lewis Thorpe "great list of names Penguin, ; or else tr. Both of these were called Brut, for Brutus, the eponymous leader of the first humans to inhabit Britain. *Knights of the Round Table* The Breton *lai* No-one is quite sure what a Breton *lai* or *lai* is, but evidently it involved a fairly short versified narrative or song made up on traditional subjects or new ones by singer-authors who performed them, probably traveling from one court to another but possibly sometimes attached to a particular lord. None of these have survived in Breton, but there are medieval French and Middle English works which claim to be translations of these stories from Brittany or Wales. It is assumed that many Arthurian stories developed through being retold in *lais*. Marie de France 2nd half 12th c. Her *lais* *Lanval* and *Chevrefueil* portray Arthur and Tristan, respectively. See *The Lais of Marie de France*, tr. Medieval Stories of Men and Women U. Online verse translation by Judy Shoaf. Russell Weingartner Garland, French versions, none of which have survived whole in their original form, into a coherent and pleasing narrative. *Fedrick Penguin* "includes the two short poems *lais* about Tristan playing the fool. Eilhart von Oberge, *Tristrant* ca. Gottfried von Strassburg, *Tristan and Isolde* ca. The *Saga of Tristram and Isond*, tr. The *Tristan Legend* D. Chretien de Troyes This French poet is sometimes credit with having invented the genre of the Arthurian romance. The first French romances were lengthy narratives in verse couplets, making them easy to compose, remember, and copy accurately so long as the dialect of the copyist pronounced the rhyme words the same way. By the 13th century, it was more common to compose French Arthurian romances in prose, but verse romances in various styles remained popular in English up into the 14th century. Press, "Arthurian Romances, tr. Owens prose; *Everyman*, "Chretien de Troyes: Burton Raffel verse; Yale U. Ruth Harwood Cline, verse; U. Press, , or Dorothy Gilbert U. Ruth Harwood Cline verse; U. Press, *Perceval or the Story of the Grail*, tr. Wolfram von Eschenbach 13th. German poet, *Parzival*. Wolfram wrote a very different version of the Grail story ca.

Translations include those by. Anonymous 13th-century Norwegian prose translations, as represented by later Icelandic copyists: Erex Saga and Ivens Saga: Foster Blaisdell and Marianne E. Anonymous 14th-century or earlier Welsh: It is clear at any rate that the Welsh authors were familiar with the characters independently of Chretien. Ulrich von Zatzikhoven early 13th-c Swiss, writing German verse , Lanzelet, trans. Thomas Kerth Columbia UP, Grail continuations various 13th c. Chretien left his Grail romance, Perceval, incomplete, although it was already longer than any of his earlier works. The first continuator anonymous took up the story where Chretien left off, and the second continuator started where the first one stopped. Manessier wrote an end to the story. High Book of the Grail; Perlesvaus, tr. Nigel Bryant Boydell and Brewer. This romance claims to be a continuation of Chretien but tells a dramatically different story in which Kay is a treacherous villain. Gawain was the most popular hero of these. The Crown, , trans. Gawain is the hero of many adventures here. Anonymous 14th-c English; known as the Pearl-poet or the Gawain-poet: Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. The most famous Middle English Arthurian romance, available in many translations. In a 15th-century English version, Gawain is the hero: Wedding of Sir Gawain and Dame Ragnell ed. Poems from Medieval France: The incorporation of adventures of Lancelot brings up the question of the relationship between divine love and the sexual love between Lancelot and Guinevere. The further addition of the Tristram stories allows for a contrast between the two love triangles, Tristan-Isolde-Mark and Lancelot-Guinevere-Arthur. Robert de Boron late 12th-early 13th c. Robert envisaged a Grail trilogy. Joseph of Arimathe History of the Grail. This survives in the original verse format. A Romance of the Grail, tr. Jean Rogers Steiner, It was incorporated into the Vulgate Lancelot-Grail cycle. Some Grail adventures are included, and we are told how Lancelot conceived Galahad on the Grail Maiden. Lancelot of the Lake, tr. The Quest of the Holy Grail, tr. In the final battle, Arthur and Mordred slay each other. The Death of King Arthur, tr.. Both these cycles have been translated into English by various scholars working under general editor Norris Lacy: This edition includes an index and summaries of every chapter. Selections from this translation have been published as The Lancelot-Grail Reader ed.

2: King Arthur - Wikipedia

From this notable and engaging study we learn that the education of the Arthurian hero is a romance motif as significant to the hero's exploits as his besieged damsel or his fierce joust.

Both cycles were widely known throughout Western Christendom, and their literary influence has extended even into modern times. Arthur and Charlemagne were historical personages, though Arthur is known almost exclusively through the legendary material. Reliable historical sources tell us much more about Charlemagne, his conquests, his interests in education and government and the revival of learning he fostered in an age of barbarism. The legends of Arthur and Charlemagne, in the course of time, followed paths of development so different that in spirit they seem to have little in common. The romances about Arthur and his knights of the Round Table deal with a world of chivalry, love, and adventure, in which marvels occur with astonishing frequency. The chansons de geste about Charlemagne and his paladins, on the other hand, exalt French nationalism in the struggle against the infidel and stress the conflicts arising between feudal obligations to the suzerain and personal concepts of honor. During the Saxon invasions of Britain in the late 5th century, Arthur led the British forces in a series of battles that ended with a decisive victory at Mt. Badon, somewhere in southern England, about a. Badon as a British victory that halted the advance of the Saxons and initiated a period of peace, although he does not mention Arthur. The earliest extant reference to Arthur by name occurs in a Welsh poem, *The Gododdin* c. Badon, and in an account of the natural wonders of Britain, he records two local legends connected with Arthur. *The Annales Cambriae*, another Latin compilation of Welsh origin c. Early Welsh literature independent of the chronicles and historical annals presents Arthur as the hero of adventures derived from Celtic myth and the leader of a company endowed with preternatural powers. In a Welsh poem of the 10th century, *The Spoils of Annwn*, Arthur sets out with three shiploads of men to capture the magic cauldron of Annwn, the Celtic Otherworld. Although the vessel is taken, only seven men, including Arthur, return from the disastrous raid. In another early Welsh poem, a fragmentary dialogue between Arthur and a gatekeeper, Arthur lists among his companions not only Kay and Bedivere but also many figures derived from Welsh myth, with references to their accomplishments as slayers of monsters. The Welsh prose romance *Kulhwch and Olwen* c. The legend of Arthur, according to the earliest documents, originated in Wales, where the memory of the historic military leader was preserved and later drawn into the orbit of native Welsh mythological tradition. The wide diffusion of the Arthurian legends on the Continent, beginning in the 11th century, was chiefly the work of the Bretons, whose fluency in French and whose professional skill in exploiting their Celtic heritage of legend to entertain French-speaking patrons spread the stories wherever the language was understood—not only in France, but also in England, Italy, and the crusader states. Geoffrey purports to be merely a translator of an ancient book in the British tongue, but no trace of such a source has ever been discovered. Arthur as Central Interest. The Arthurian story is naturally the center of interest. Arthur in his youth was supervised and protected by the wizard Merlin. After his coronation and marriage, he subjugated not only the Saxons but other Continental peoples and established his empire even over Gaul. When the Roman emperor challenged him, he set out to conquer Rome, leaving his kingdom in charge of his nephew Modred. At a battle on the River Camel in Cornwall, Modred was slain and Arthur, though mortally wounded, was borne to the isle of Avalon to be healed. After the reign of Arthur, the British kingdom declined until it was finally overwhelmed by the Saxons in the 7th century. Geoffrey presents Arthur as a 12th-century king presiding over a magnificent court and accepting the homage of royal vassals. The emphasis upon the theme of empire and the independence of Britain agrees with the political aspirations of the Anglo-Norman kings of the time. In the *Historia* was translated into French as *Le Roman de Brut* by the Norman poet Wace, evidently in response to a demand from courtly patrons. Wace follows his original faithfully and adapts the story to courtly interests chiefly by expanding descriptive passages. About , the first English version was composed by a parish priest in Worcestershire named Layamon. These stories were derived from the oral legends circulated by Breton storytellers, and they deal with a variety of heroes unknown in the pseudohistorical tradition of Geoffrey. Sometimes the process began before the story reached the Continent.

When the Tristan legend, for example, migrated from northern Scotland to Wales, the Welsh linked Arthur to the originally Pictish hero, and in some Continental versions of the Tristan legend, Arthur plays a minor role that is evidently derived from this tradition. Heroes other than Arthur; the Grail. In general, Arthur and his court become in the French romances of the 12th century the background for the adventures of the hero of the story. Although the Grail stories were derived from the same reservoir of Celtic tradition as other parts of the Arthurian legend, the mysterious vessel called the Grail inevitably suggested Christian interpretation, which became a prominent feature of 13th-century versions see holy grail, the. Two other major trends distinguish the development of the French Arthurian legends in the 13th century: The so-called Vulgate prose cycle consists of five long romances, written at various times and by different authors whose identity remains unknown. The prose Lancelot is a long biographical romance about Lancelot, his devotion to the Queen, his supremacy as a knight, and his begetting of Galahad, the destined Grail hero. The Queste is a religious allegory, the work of a Cistercian, the hero of which is the sinless Galahad, who achieves the perfect mystical vision of the Grail denied to his father Lancelot because of adultery with Guenevere. Inexorable doom dominates the *Mort Artu*, causing the sequence of disasters resulting from that sin: To this trilogy two other romances were added: The Vulgate cycle spread the concept of chivalry as a noble, ideal way of life through its powerful influence upon later romances in France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Ireland, Wales, and England. Although Malory used other sources, French and English, he followed the Vulgate in presenting Lancelot as the embodiment of chivalry and the hero of the *Arthuriad*. Malory condensed and abridged freely; and he deliberately unraveled stories that were carefully interwoven in his French sources, narrating them as self-contained units. As a result of the renewed interest in medieval legends during the Romantic revival, Arthurian themes became important in the 19th century. The actual Charlemagne was a Frank, whose native language was German, and whose principal residence was Aix-la-Chapelle, the German Aachen. Yet he became the national hero of the French, who developed the earliest epics about his exploits. Legends about Charlemagne seem to have circulated even in his lifetime. Oral traditions about Charlemagne were compiled by a monk of St. There can be little doubt that the clerical tradition encouraged the spread of the Carolingian legends along the great pilgrimage routes of the Middle Ages, but there is also evidence of a vigorous vernacular tradition of songs and tales about Charlemagne that prepared the way for the later epics. Transformation of the Historical Figure. The legendary Charlemagne differs, of course, from the historic original. Although the historic Charlemagne waged long and successful wars against the Saxons, the Slavs, the Huns, and the Danes, legend made his chief enemy the Saracens, transforming a minor engagement in Spain into a major threat to Christian civilization. Although Charlemagne never visited the Orient, his friendly relations with Harun al-Rashid? Under the assumed name of Mainet, he offers his services to the Saracen king and delivers him from a dangerous foe. Although Charlemagne is a youth in this story, he is usually depicted as an aged man with a flowing white beard, yet vigorous and commanding—a majestic, patriarchal figure. So he is presented in the stories dealing with the wars against the infidel. In this cycle he is the leader of France, the people chosen by God to defend all of Christendom. The mutation of history into legend can be observed in the *Song of Roland*. Earlier versions seem to have been reshaped under the powerful impetus of the Crusades to emphasize the urgency of military action against the infidel and the spiritual rewards awaiting those martyred for the faith. The Basques plundered the baggage train and fled under cover of nightfall. Their dispersal, we are told, made immediate vengeance impossible. The event, dated in, was an interruption of the Saxon wars that Charlemagne undertook to assist Saracen princes in Spain who had appealed for his aid against foes of their faith. At the time Charlemagne was 38, but in the *Song of Roland* he is years old; the Basques are metamorphosed into a horde of treacherous Saracens, greatly outnumbering the French rearguard; and Charlemagne exacts a mighty vengeance although the historical sources are careful to explain why he could not do so. The central episode is the heroic defense led by Roland and the peers in the Battle of Roncevaux, ending in death for them and the 20, who would never again see France. Charlemagne himself is the hero of the rest of the poem, destroying the infidels, leveling Saragossa, and converting the queen to Christianity. The wars in Spain became the center of the early Carolingian legend since they presented Charlemagne as the divinely ordained defender of Christianity against the infidel and as a king of justice and

piety. Later, other legends developed about his relationship with his vassals and these offer a less idealized image of Charlemagne. Such chansons de geste as *Ogier the Dane*, *The Four Sons of Aimon*, and *Doon de Mayence* relate at great length the feuds between the rebel vassals, aided by their families and allies, against the authority of Charlemagne. There were intermittent reconciliations and renewals of hostilities, but the foes generally united if Christendom was threatened. In the 13th century the Carolingian legends, like the Arthurian, were combined into cycles, but there was no influential re-creation of the stories comparable to the Arthurian Vulgate. Spread of the Legends. Knowledge of Carolingian legends can be documented in England over a long period. One of the earliest allusions tells of the minstrel Taillefer at the Battle of Hastings in who sang of Charlemagne, Roland, and those who died at Roncevaux. Though his song could not have been the extant epic, it is significant that the earliest MS was written in Anglo-Norman about and that it was preserved at Oxford. The Carolingian legends in Middle English are late and inferior versions, but in the 15th century interest was still strong enough to persuade Caxton to publish *Charles the Great* in and four years later *The Four Sons of Aymon*. In the Italian Renaissance, the Carolingian legends experienced a literary rebirth in the narrative poems of L. Pulci 1484, M. Boiardo 1494, and Ariosto. The work of their 14th-century predecessors, the Franco-Italian compilations and the Italian prose *Reali di Francia* c. Charlemagne became a background figure, and the heroes of Clermont were Roland Orlando and Renaud de Montauban Rinaldo. The head of the enemy house, of course, was Ganelon. Professional minstrels popularized these stories orally in the streets of Italian cities and along the pilgrimage routes to Rome. They reached literary eminence when Pulci, poet of the household of Lorenzo de Medici, used them as the basis of his comic epic *Il Morgante Maggiore*. In this romantic epic, Boiardo invents a world of knight-errantry, surprises, enchantments, and magic, blended with the wars of Christian against Saracen. Thus transformed, the old Carolingian tradition contributed to one of the most brilliant and polished narrative poems of the Italian Renaissance. In different ways, however, the two cycles of legends have significantly enriched the culture of western Europe.

3: Arthurian Legend: Umland maintains interest in world of medieval romance

The education of the hero in Arthurian romance. Theme and variations: The education of the hero in the Roman d'Alexandre. Article. Apr ; Neophilologus; Penny Simons; View.

Legend[edit] There are two main traditions of the Tristan legend. Later traditions come from the Prose Tristan c. The story and character of Tristan vary from poet to poet. Even the spelling of his name varies a great deal, although "Tristan" is the most popular spelling. Most versions of the Tristan story follow the same general outline. Along the way, they ingest a love potion which causes the pair to fall madly in love. Although Iseult marries Mark, she and Tristan are forced by the potion to seek one another, as lovers. While the typical noble Arthurian character would be shamed by such an act, the love potion that controls them frees Tristan and Iseult from responsibility. Tristan honours, respects, and loves King Mark as his mentor and adopted father; Iseult is grateful that Mark is kind to her; and Mark loves Tristan as his son and Iseult as a wife. But every night, each has horrible dreams about the future. Also present is the endangerment of a fragile kingdom, the cessation of war between Ireland and Cornwall Dumnonia. Mark acquires what seems proof of their guilt and resolves to punish them: Tristan by hanging and Iseult by burning at the stake, later lodging her in a leper colony. Tristan escapes on his way to the gallows. He makes a miraculous leap from a chapel and rescues Iseult. The lovers escape into the forest of Morrois and take shelter there until discovered by Mark. Tristan then travels to Brittany , where he marries for her name and her beauty Iseult of the White Hands, daughter of Hoel of Brittany and sister of Kahedin. A illustration by N. Tristan sends his friend Kahedin to find Iseult of Ireland, the only person who can heal him. Tristan tells Kahedin to sail back with white sails if he is bringing Iseult, and black sails if he is not. Tristan dies of grief, thinking that Iseult has betrayed him, and Iseult dies swooning over his corpse. It goes on that King Mark tries to have the branches cut three separate times, and each time the branches grow back and intertwine. This behaviour of briars would have been very familiar to medieval people who worked on the land. Further tellings refine this aspect even more, with the two plants being said to have been hazel and honeysuckle. A few later stories even record that the lovers had a number of children. In some stories they produced a son and a daughter they named after themselves; these children survived their parents and had adventures of their own. In the romance Ysaie the Sad, the eponymous hero is the son of Tristan and Iseult; he becomes involved with the fairy king Oberon and marries a girl named Martha, who bears him a son named Mark. Origins of the legend[edit] Persian and Western[edit] There are many theories present about the origins of Tristanian legend, but historians disagree over which is the most accurate. There are references to March ap Meichion "Mark" and Trystan in the Welsh Triads , in some of the gnomic poetry , Mabinogion stories and in the 11th-century hagiography of Illtud. The fugitive lovers are then pursued all over Ireland by the Fianna. His young wife, Credd, drugs all present, and then convinces Cano to be her lover. Eventually Credd kills herself and Cano dies of grief. In the Ulster Cycle there is the text Clann Uisnigh or Deirdre of the Sorrows in which Naoise mac Usnech falls for Deirdre, who was imprisoned by King Conchobar mac Nessa due to a prophecy that Ulster would plunge into civil war due to men fighting for her beauty. Conchobar had pledged to marry Deirdre himself in time to avert war, and takes his revenge on Clann Uisnigh. However this also occurs in the saga of Deirdre of the Sorrows making the link more tenuous. Association with King Arthur[edit] In its early stages, the tale was probably unrelated to contemporary Arthurian literature,[citation needed] but the earliest surviving versions already incorporated references to Arthur and his court. The connection between Tristan and Iseult and the Arthurian legend was expanded over time, and sometime shortly after the completion of the Vulgate Cycle or the Lancelot-Grail in the first quarter of the 13th century, two authors created the vast Prose Tristan, which fully establishes Tristan as a Knight of the Round Table who even participates in the Quest for the Holy Grail. Early medieval Tristan literature[edit] Courtly branch[edit] The earliest representation of what scholars name the "courtly" version of the Tristan legend is in the work of Thomas of Britain , dating from Only ten fragments of his Tristan poem, representing six manuscripts, have ever been located: There is also a passage telling how Iseult wrote a short lai out of grief that sheds light on the development of an unrelated legend concerning the death of a prominent troubadour , as

well as the composition of lais by noblewomen of the 12th century. The next essential text for knowledge of the courtly branch of the Tristan legend is the abridged translation of Thomas made by Brother Robert at the request of King Haakon Haakonson of Norway in King Haakon had wanted to promote Angevin -Norman culture at his court, and so commissioned the translation of several French Arthurian works. It is the only complete representative of the courtly branch in its formative period. The branch is so named due to its representation of an earlier non-chivalric, non-courtly, tradition of story-telling, making it more reflective of the Dark Ages than of the refined High Middle Ages. There were a few substantial fragments of his works discovered in the 19th century, and the rest was reconstructed from later versions. He dubbed this hypothetical original the "Ur-Tristan", and wrote his still-popular Romance of Tristan and Iseult as an attempt to reconstruct what this might have been like. Gallagher was published in by Hackett Publishing Company. A translation by Hilaire Belloc , first published in , was republished in The title refers to the symbiosis of the honeysuckle and hazelnut tree which die when separated, as do Tristan and Iseult: Extremely popular in the 13th and 14th century, the narratives of these lengthy versions vary in detail from manuscript to manuscript. English[edit] The earliest complete source of the Tristan material in English was Sir Tristrem , a romance of some lines written circa It is preserved in the famous Auchinleck manuscript at the National Library of Scotland. The narrative largely follows the courtly tradition. Its first editor, Sir Walter Scott , provided a sixty line ending to the story, which has been printed with the romance in every subsequent edition. These stories, however, diverged greatly from their medieval precursors. In one Danish ballad, for instance, Tristan and Iseult are made brother and sister. It is the only known verse representative of the Tristan story in a Slavic language. Cantari di Tristano Quando Tristano e Lancielotto combattiero al petrone di Merlino Ultime imprese e morte Tristano Vendetta che fe Messer Lanzelloto de la Morte di Messer Tristano There are also four differing versions of the Prose Tristan in medieval Italy, most named after their place of composition or library in which they are currently to be found:

4: Arthurian Legend: A Romance Narrative and The Romance Hero - [PPT Powerpoint]

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One school of thought, citing entries in the *Historia Brittonum* History of the Britons and *Annales Cambriae* Welsh Annals, sees Arthur as a genuine historical figure, a Romano-British leader who fought against the invading Anglo-Saxons some time in the late 5th to early 6th century. The *Historia Brittonum*, a 9th-century Latin historical compilation attributed in some late manuscripts to a Welsh cleric called Nennius, contains the first datable mention of King Arthur, listing twelve battles that Arthur fought. These culminate in the Battle of Badon, where he is said to have single-handedly killed men. Recent studies, however, question the reliability of the *Historia Brittonum*. The *Annales* date this battle to 517, and also mention the Battle of Camlann, in which Arthur and Medraut Mordred were both killed, dated to 537. The latest research shows that the *Annales Cambriae* was based on a chronicle begun in the late 8th century in Wales. Additionally, the complex textual history of the *Annales Cambriae* precludes any certainty that the Arthurian annals were added to it even that early. They were more likely added at some point in the 10th century and may never have existed in any earlier set of annals. The Badon entry probably derived from the *Historia Brittonum*. In the view of historian Thomas Charles-Edwards, "at this stage of the enquiry, one can only say that there may well have been an historical Arthur [but Even so, he found little to say about an historical Arthur. The fact of the matter is that there is no historical evidence about Arthur; we must reject him from our histories and, above all, from the titles of our books. They cite parallels with figures such as the Kentish Hengist and Horsa, who may be totemic horse-gods that later became historicised. Bede ascribed to these legendary figures a historical role in the 5th-century Anglo-Saxon conquest of eastern Britain. Neither the *Historia* nor the *Annales* calls him "rex": Sites and places have been identified as "Arthurian" since the 12th century, [17] but archaeology can confidently reveal names only through inscriptions found in secure contexts. The so-called "Arthur stone", discovered in among the ruins at Tintagel Castle in Cornwall in securely dated 6th-century contexts, created a brief stir but proved irrelevant. Arthur "Arturus rex", a illustration from the Nuremberg Chronicle The origin of the Welsh name "Arthur" remains a matter of debate. The most widely accepted etymology derives it from the Roman nomen gentile family name Artorius. In Welsh poetry the name is always spelled Arthur and is exclusively rhymed with words ending in -ur never words ending in -wr which confirms that the second element cannot be [g]wr "man". Pre-Galfridian traditions The earliest literary references to Arthur come from Welsh and Breton sources. A academic survey that does attempt this by Caitlin Green identifies three key strands to the portrayal of Arthur in this earliest material. Some of these are human threats, such as the Saxons he fights in the *Historia Brittonum*, but the majority are supernatural, including giant cat-monsters, destructive divine boars, dragons, dogheads, giants, and witches. On the one hand, he launches assaults on Otherworldly fortresses in search of treasure and frees their prisoners. On the other, his warband in the earliest sources includes former pagan gods, and his wife and his possessions are clearly Otherworldly in origin. One stanza praises the bravery of a warrior who slew enemies, but says that despite this, "he was no Arthur" that is, his feats cannot compare to the valour of Arthur. The Welsh prose tale *Culhwch and Olwen* c. The story as a whole tells of Arthur helping his kinsman Culhwch win the hand of Olwen, daughter of Ysbaddaden Chief-Giant, by completing a series of apparently impossible tasks, including the hunt for the great semi-divine boar Twrch Trwyth. The 9th-century *Historia Brittonum* also refers to this tale, with the boar there named Troy n t. The later manuscripts of the *Triads* are partly derivative from Geoffrey of Monmouth and later continental traditions, but the earliest ones show no such influence and are usually agreed to refer to pre-existing Welsh traditions. In particular, Arthur features in a number of well-known vitae "Lives" of post-Roman saints, none of which are now generally considered to be reliable historical sources the earliest probably dates from the 11th century. Cadoc delivers them as demanded, but when Arthur takes possession of the animals, they turn into bundles of ferns. A less obviously legendary account of Arthur appears in the *Legenda Sancti Goeznovii*, which is often claimed to date from the early 11th century although the earliest

manuscript of this text dates from the 15th century and the text is now dated to the late 12th to early 13th century. He then defeats the Picts and Scots before creating an Arthurian empire through his conquests of Ireland, Iceland and the Orkney Islands. After twelve years of peace, Arthur sets out to expand his empire once more, taking control of Norway, Denmark and Gaul. Arthur and his warriors, including Kaius Kay, Beduerus Bedivere and Gualgvanus Gawain, defeat the Roman emperor Lucius Tiberius in Gaul but, as he prepares to march on Rome, Arthur hears that his nephew Modredus Mordred "whom he had left in charge of Britain" has married his wife Guenhuuara Guinevere and seized the throne. Arthur returns to Britain and defeats and kills Modredus on the river Camblam in Cornwall, but he is mortally wounded. He hands the crown to his kinsman Constantine and is taken to the isle of Avalon to be healed of his wounds, never to be seen again. While it was by no means the only creative force behind Arthurian romance, many of its elements were borrowed and developed. e. Lacy has observed, whatever his faults and frailties may be in these Arthurian romances, "his prestige is never—or almost never—compromised by his personal weaknesses. Perceval, although unfinished, was particularly popular: The most significant of these 13th-century prose romances was the Vulgate Cycle also known as the Lancelot-Grail Cycle, a series of five Middle French prose works written in the first half of that century. The cycle continued the trend towards reducing the role played by Arthur in his own legend, partly through the introduction of the character of Galahad and an expansion of the role of Merlin. During this period, Arthur was made one of the Nine Worthies, a group of three pagan, three Jewish and three Christian exemplars of chivalry. Malory based his book "originally titled *The Whole Book of King Arthur and of His Noble Knights of the Round Table*" on the various previous romance versions, in particular the Vulgate Cycle, and appears to have aimed at creating a comprehensive and authoritative collection of Arthurian stories. So, for example, the 16th-century humanist scholar Polydore Vergil famously rejected the claim that Arthur was the ruler of a post-Roman empire, found throughout the post-Galfridian medieval "chronicle tradition", to the horror of Welsh and English antiquarians. Tennyson and the revival In the early 19th century, medievalism, Romanticism, and the Gothic Revival reawakened interest in Arthur and the medieval romances. A new code of ethics for 19th-century gentlemen was shaped around the chivalric ideals embodied in the "Arthur of romance". It was first published in and sold 10,000 copies within the first week. While Tom maintained his small stature and remained a figure of comic relief, his story now included more elements from the medieval Arthurian romances and Arthur is treated more seriously and historically in these new versions. By the end of the 19th century, it was confined mainly to Pre-Raphaelite imitators, and it could not avoid being affected by World War I, which damaged the reputation of chivalry and thus interest in its medieval manifestations and Arthur as chivalric role model. List of works based on Arthurian legends In the latter half of the 20th century, the influence of the romance tradition of Arthur continued, through novels such as T. Attempts to portray Arthur as a genuine historical figure of c. In the 1920s, the Order of the Fellowship of the Knights of the Round Table was formed in Britain to promote Christian ideals and Arthurian notions of medieval chivalry. Lacy has observed, "The popular notion of Arthur appears to be limited, not surprisingly, to a few motifs and names, but there can be no doubt of the extent to which a legend born many centuries ago is profoundly embedded in modern culture at every level.

5: Anniina Jokinen. Heroes of the Middle Ages.

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Heroes of the Middle Ages Heroes originate in the mists of time and myth. The idea of the hero as the savior of his people dominates the early medieval epics such as Beowulf and The Song of Roland. Marshall Fishwick has written that style "in heroes, as in everything else, changes. The study of the nature and cause of this change, then, is critical to the understanding of what, ultimately, is the essence of a hero. Epic literature is a stately, solemn celebration of national life in the heroic age. Its heroes are simple men, versed in the activities of common life.. Their motives are linked with the practical necessities of life. He is a man who fights because he must, for the survival of his tribe or nation. Although the hero is constantly aware of his own mortality, he never shirks "from threat or peril It is in battle that the mettle of the epic hero is tested. It is partly for this reason that Beowulf needs to kill the dragon and that Roland refuses to blow the horn. Charles Moorman writes that "the world in which Roland lives and fights is The epic heroes of Beowulf However, we know that even in defeat partially of their own doing. They are big persons who are semi-divine, larger than human, who fascinate us by their valor, courage, and even bravura. Bloomfield, 31 The heroes of both Beowulf and Roland perish and become exalted. What exalts Beowulf is his acceptance of his wyrd. Gwyn Jones defines this exaltation by writing: For if he accepts what is destined, without bowing to it, he triumphs over it. An unbreakable will makes him the equal of all-powerful Fate, and though fate can destroy him, it can neither conquer nor humiliate him. Nonetheless, he enters the battle. It is such courage and loyalty to his people that will cause songs to be composed and sung about him. Roland was blessed and absolved by Turpin, and valiantly held the field for God and country. The chivalric knight must also know temperance, courtoisie, a reverence for women, and courtly skills. It is not enough that he perform on a field of battle; he must also be presentable at court. Gottfried goes to great lengths to portray Tristan as a consummate artist: Tristan is also a skilled musician, a master of stringed instruments. However, whereas the epic hero fights only when circumstances require, the chivalric hero sets out to find a test or an aventure in which he can prove himself. As Eric Auerbach says: The chivalric hero rarely fights in defense of his people, but in defense of an ideal or an abstraction. Finlayson asserts that the chivalric hero himself is "largely an idealization which bears little relation to social reality and certainly did not spring from it" Finlayson, p. The world in which the chivalric hero operates is also an "imaginative idealization" Beer, p. Although the world is described in the context of contemporary paraphernalia, such as clothing, architecture, and feasts, there is "little attempt to authenticate the story in terms of actual political, geographical, or economic conditions" Finlayson, p. Whereas the epic is particular to a nation and a people, the romance "is exotic, the product of a particular sophisticated group, rather than a whole culture" Moorman, p. Although the world of romance was an offspring of feudalism, in romance "the feudal ethos serves no political function; it serves no practical reality at all; it has become absolute. It no longer has any purpose but that of self-realization" Auerbach, p. According to Kelly, the main explanation for this is that romance "meets a need that is felt by those who want confirmation of their world as they believe and want it to exist" Kelly, p. The field on which the chivalric knight performs is a dream reality; a perilous landscape affording chance encounters with unnatural foes. The miraculous surprises the chivalric knight very littleâ€”whether it be a castle appearing out of nowhere in response to a prayer, or a knight who survives beheading. The circumstances that lead to the exaltation of the chivalric hero, such as Sir Gawain, for example, differ drastically from those of the epic hero. The epic hero gets tested in physical combat against a monster or another warrior. Gawain must pass all the requirements of the ideal chivalric knight in order to triumph. Yet even though Gawain failsâ€”he lacks in loyalty, says the Green Knightâ€”he does in a sense get exalted. Whether his epiphany and self-imposed penitence qualify for exaltation has been hotly debated. Charles Moorman, for example, thinks not only that Gawain is a failure, but: The differences in the conception and execution of the epic and chivalric heroes can be best explained by the change of an era. Heroic poetry was the poetry of a people on constant war-footing, fighting for survival. Taylor attributes the difference in

spirit between epic and romance to a "deeply significant change in the national character," Taylor, p. Moorman attributes the knight errant to a time of peace when the knight can go questing Moorman, p. As Western Europe recovered its poise and security after the Dark Ages, it began to adopt new values and life patterns. As we have seen, the court replaced the castle. The heroes never fight a foe who is weaker, or in some way disadvantaged. Hatto points out about Beowulf Hatto II, p. Beowulf also, realizing Grendel used no weapons, doffed his own to make the fight fair. The second similarity between the heroes is the rite de passage, or what Moorman calls "the journey-initiation-quest" Moorman, p7. Roland travels with the rear-guard toward France and through martyrdom achieves sainthood. Moorman emphasizes that "the passage of the soul through its difficulties to its triumph, ad astra per aspera This heroic courage finds astute expression by Gawain:

6: Formats and Editions of The education of the hero in Arthurian romance [www.enganchecubano.com]

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The story of King Arthur is truly the stuff of legends. Raised from birth by the sorcerer Merlin, he grew up to be the king that established the round table for his knights. This story has been retold numerous times and can be seen in cartoons, movies, books, and assorted literature. His father was Uther Pendragon and his mother was Igraine. He and his knights bravely fought beasts, rescued damsels in distress, and searched for the Holy Grail. They were known for their chivalry, high moral character, and loyalty. Merlin - With his magical skills and wisdom, Merlin was also a hero. He is credited for designing the round table and Camelot, as well as the ring at Stonehenge. He strove to do the right thing and would follow the law implicitly. He was the epitome of honor, decency, and courtesy. Sir Lancelot - Sir Lancelot was the most trusted of the knights and was loved by Arthur. Guinevere - Guinevere was considered the most beautiful woman in all the land. She and Arthur were happy for many years until the appearance of Lancelot. Some legends say she was a goddess and, after Camelot was no more, she returned to the realm of goddesses. Later on, Morgan told Arthur of the affair between Guinevere and Lancelot, so she had her revenge. Some versions of this legend show her to be kind, while others show her to be evil and dabbling in witchcraft. Some versions show her conspiring with her son to bring about the downfall of Arthur. Story of King Arthur To understand why these characters are all Arthurian heroes, it is important to understand the story of King Arthur: When Arthur was born, there was much trouble in the kingdom, so Merlin raised him in a secret place so no one would know his true identity. Arthur was merely searching for a sword to use when he pulled it out of the stone. King Arthur and his knights went on to stop the Saxon invasion. At Camelot, he built a mighty castle and built a round table where he and his knights would sit and no one was more important than the other. With the help of Merlin, he found Excalibur, a magical sword. The story had bad elements as well: His beautiful queen, Guinevere, had an affair with Lancelot. Arthur and Mordred fought and both were mortally wounded. Arthur was sent to the Isle of Avalon where he was cared for by three maidens; but, he was never heard from again. YourDictionary definition and usage example.

7: What are the differences between an epic hero and a Romantic hero?

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The only Hebrew version of the perennially popular Arthurian legends was written in northern Italy in . It was anonymously translated into Hebrew from an Italian source now lost. Found in a unique manuscript in the Vatican Library, the Hebrew text consists of two stories from the Arthurian cycle and an apology. The apology, directed toward the various authorities that condemned the reading of romances and tales in the vernacular, was needed in order that the translation of such obviously secular and even salacious material could be sanctioned. The translator also stressed the moral benefits to be derived from reading the legends. The two reasons he offers are to drive away melancholy and to induce sinners to repent and return to God. The first Arthurian episode based ultimately on the Old French prose work *Merlin* describes the seduction of Igerne by King Uther Pendragon with the aid of Merlin, and the conception of Arthur. The second story is an incomplete fragment from the *Mort Artu*, which, as is learned from the apology, the translator had intended to complete: At this point the Hebrew story abruptly and inexplicably breaks off. The scribe not only translates from Italian, as is evidenced by the gloss: Various citations from the Bible and the Talmud are used to support the reading of the fox fables: Zakkai and his knowledge of fox fables BB a , the rabbinic commentary on the beneficial uses of a minstrel Pes. For instance, the feast at which Uther meets Igerne is described in the Old French sources as a Christmas feast. In the Hebrew version, the statement "Then the king made a great feast for all the people and all the princes" based on Esth. The constant use of well-known biblical phrases reminds the reader of religious literature and produces the effect of biblical scenes in the midst of the Arthurian narrative. In this fashion, then, the text and the language interact in polyphonic fashion. The scribe through his translation introduced the Arthurian legends into Hebrew; in effect, however, Hebrew literature is the ultimate source for a number of Arthurian motifs. Many romance writers of the 12th and 13th centuries see: Many of the Arthurian motifs, drawn from the Bible and from the Midrash, polarize about the Arthur-David nexus; other Arthurian legends the Tristan cycle have many motifs parallel to the adventures of the young biblical heroes Joseph and David. The Hebrew Arthurian romance is untitled and was first published by Abraham Berliner in . An edition of the above manuscript, with an English translation facing the Hebrew text, was published in *A Hebrew Arthurian Romance of* ; Berliner, in: *Folk Lore* , â€”

8: King Arthur in medieval sources | Judy Shoaf

Arthurian Legends Essay Intellectual, mysterious, extraordinary. The qualities of a romantic hero influence an Arthurian Legend. An Arthurian legend is the tale of King Arthur and the knights of the round table.

November 15, You are here: Umland maintains interest in world of medieval romance Arthurian Legend: The film is based on the true story of an elderly man who drove his lawn mower tractor miles from Iowa to Wisconsin in to reconcile with his dying brother, from whom he was long estranged. The film offers deep reflection about forgiveness and love in the face of death, and the quest for redemption. Umland, professor of English at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, was struck by the film. The urgency of the dying man was prompted by his desire to right his mistake. He takes on the difficult task of going the slow way as a form of atonement and redemption. And perhaps the fact the quester in the movie was an Iowan also resonated. She knew early on that she wanted to be a Hawkeye and teach high school English. But as she took undergraduate classes, she became more enamored of reading and learning. I loved the graduate academic culture, one that spontaneously fed my desire to keep learning. ISU, she said, was very supportive in mentoring young faculty as they searched for permanent positions. And when a position opened in the English department at Kearney State College in , Umland visited the campus and was impressed by its size and focused mission. There were scholars already doing good work, and the climate encouraged academic publication, as witnessed by the annual Pratt-Heins Distinguished Research Awards, of which Umland was a recipient in When the transition to the university system occurred, she and others benefited from the opportunity to apply for developmental leaves for research. Victorian Poetry Umland has always been interested in Arthurian legend and the world of medieval romance, especially as it has retained its vitality in later eras. She has been a member of the International Arthurian Society since her graduate school days, and has presented papers at international conferences both in the United States and the UK. Her research, she says, tends to be additive “ building upon itself “ even as it sets off in new directions. Her doctoral dissertation, for example, focused on medievalism in Victorian poetry. For Umland, Arthurian legend remains a recurrent research and teaching interest. From Connecticut Yankees to Fisher Kings. Arthurian legend is in some ways the one great human story, endlessly retold, Umland said. The King Arthur of medieval chronicle and romance could have been based on an actual heroic late 5th or early 6th Century warlord whose tale has been embellished far past its hazy origins. In the literary tradition, he allegedly earned his crown by withdrawing the magic sword from the stone. A noble but flawed hero, Lancelot must relinquish his destiny to be the knight who achieves the grail, that honor being reserved for his son, Sir Galahad, whose purity allowed him to complete the holy quest and ascend straight to heaven. Are these names and plot lines familiar? Japanese Samurai culture is heavily laced with these themes as well. Umland says the renewed interest in Arthurian legend tends to resurface in cycles, especially during times of upheaval or uncertainty. Sir Thomas Malory was an imprisoned knight during the bloody English War of the Roses, so his text focused on the devastating effects of internal strife and how such divisiveness can destroy a world, she said. Arthur, she said, is a crisis figure and his story helps modern readers interrogate issues about war, loyalty and the internal corruption caused by the misuse of power. So, are we in that kind of period now? And how does all this relate to an old guy driving a riding lawn mower across Iowa? Well remember the idea of the quester and the flawed hero? Interest In Flawed Heroes Umland said her research has always informed her teaching, and her teaching has informed her research. Her students, she finds, are always more interested in the troubled characters “ such as the imperfect but inspired Lancelot, or the moribund but wise Alvin Straight and his unusual trek to reconcile with his ailing brother “ than the perfect characters. The flawed hero, the conflicted hero, the outlaw hero “ one with a fierce individualism “ are all so much more interesting than the perfect but one-dimensional Galahad, she said. About four years ago, she began to explore more deeply how these characters move from mistake to redemption through the idea of liminality “ an in-between space in the moral landscape of the worlds they inhabit. If the law is unjust, corrupt or inept, the liminal hero, who is neither part of the status quo nor entirely apart from the main culture, adheres to his own ethical code, and retains his individuality while serving the needs of the

community. As writer John Steinbeck noted, the outlaw hero who appears in Western films has distinct ties to Lancelot and the world of medieval romance, she said. Lancelot, who rescues the queen when she is sentenced to be burned at the stake for treason, knows that their adultery is a sin, but not one that should be punished so severely. He serves a higher justice than that which the law allows. This type of hero, whose roots are in the world of medieval romance, enjoys an enduring popularity with modern audiences, especially those who favor urban westerns and action films, Umland said, citing several films and television shows that feature such a figure: So, is there just one story that we keep telling over and over? The magic for me is that we want to hear about people who are people. They may fail, but they redeem themselves. They give us hope. The quester riding his lawn mower across Iowa tells us something about the nature of redemption, what you learn through the journey and what, by grace, you are given. Only Shane, the gunfighter, can rescue a Wyoming farm community from a tyrannical rancher and unscrupulous professional hired gun, but after this violent resolution, Shane cannot join the community he saves. He must remain a solitary, marginalized figure – a liminal outlaw hero. Student Interaction Umland said interaction with students in the classroom often introduces new lines of research interests for her. I never teach a class quite the same way twice because each group of students brings new thinking that becomes the next interesting question. It produces the happy surprises, such as wondering why we like flawed heroes. My department has always done a good job of maintaining balance between a traditional curriculum and offering innovative courses. Umland hopes her teaching and research efforts honor her mentors and others from whom she learned. I was given advice that I have treasured, lifelong advice regarding habits of study and inquiry, habits of professional development and a knowledge base upon which I have expanded. I do try to do the same for my current students. It is the greatest pleasure to see them succeed. Professor of English College: Fine Arts and Humanities Education: Iowa State University, Essays on Influential Artists, Writers and Performers, Proceedings, and

9: Examples of Arthurian Heroes

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