

ENGL 2121 British Literature I
Test 1 Study Guide

Part I. This part will consist of objective matching/multiple choice questions. Be able to identify the following characters and which work that we read that they appear in:

Beowulf, Grendel, Hrothgar, Wiglaf, Lanval, Gawain, Arthur, Bertilak, Alisoun, Nicholas, Absolon, Janekin, Alis, Julian, Margery, Lancelot, Mordred, Guenivere

As you study the various readings, be sure to identify passages and elements that touch on these thematic focal points: society/social ideas, faith/religion, and the role of women.

Part II. There will be a number of short answer questions about significant passages from the following readings:

Beowulf, Lanval, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, the Miller's Tale, the Wife of Bath's Prologue, Wife of Bath's Tale, writings of Julian of Norwich, writings of Margery Kempe, and selections from Malory

The passages will be ones discussed in class. The types of questions to be asked include the following:

- identify the author of the work
- identify the title of the work
- briefly explain why the passage is significant to the work it's in and/or the society for which it was intended

Not all of these questions will be asked for each passage, but at least one of them will be asked for every passage in the test.

Part III. You will have to write one longer response to a prompt that will ask you to briefly explore the significance of similarities and/or differences in two of the readings. You will be able to choose one from 4 or 5 possible writing prompts. The focus of the comparisons will look at social expectations, influences of religion, or the role of women. For example, you may be asked to look at some specific element of the role of women as illustrated in Margery Kempe and *Lanval*. The list of readings that will be addressed in these questions include the following:

Beowulf, Lanval, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, the Wife of Bath's Prologue, writings of Julian of Norwich, writings of Margery Kempe, and selections from Malory.

Note: There will be built in extra credit possibilities in the test.