

**English 320: Medieval Literature**  
**Medieval English Autobiographical Writing**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

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Week	Day	Date	Assignments
1	W	22-Aug	Introduction: autobiography and the Middle Ages In-class reading: "Borges and I"
	F	24-Aug	<i>City of Glass</i> through p. 58
2	M	27-Aug	<i>City of Glass</i> through p. 140
	W	29-Aug	<i>City of Glass</i> through the end
	F	31-Aug	Paul Auster interviews, in the Course Pack In-class reading: Borges on Quixote
3	M	3-Sep	Labor Day
	W	5-Sep	Laurence de Looze, "Medieval Autobiographical Writing," in the Course Pack
	F	7-Sep	Laurence de Looze, cont'd.
4	M	10-Sep	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : Introduction and Prologue
	W	12-Sep	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : Passus 1 - 3
	F	14-Sep	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : Passus 4 - 6
5	M	17-Sep	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : review prologue - Passus 6 <b>ESSAY 1 DUE</b> at the beginning of class
	W	19-Sep	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : Passus 7 - 8
	F	21-Sep	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : Passus 9 - 10 In-class reading: the tearing of the Pardon, from B version
6	M	24-Sep	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : Passus 11 - 13
	W	26-Sep	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : Passus 14 - 16
	F	28-Sep	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : Passus 17 - 18
7	M	1-Oct	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : Passus 19 - 20

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	W	3-Oct	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : Passus 21 - 22
	F	5-Oct	<i>Piers Plowman</i> : review
8	M	8-Oct	Introduction to Chaucer (handout) In-class Middle English workshop
	W	10-Oct	<i>House of Fame</i> , lines 1-110 In-class Middle English pronunciation exercise
	F	12-Oct	<i>House of Fame</i> , lines 111-508
9	M	15-Oct	Fall recess
	W	17-Oct	<i>House of Fame</i> , lines 509 - 1090
	F	19-Oct	<i>House of Fame</i> , lines 1091 - 1519
10	M	22-Oct	<i>House of Fame</i> , lines 1519 - end
	W	24-Oct	<i>House of Fame</i> : review In-class Middle English translation test <b>ESSAY 2 DUE</b> at the beginning of class
	F	26-Oct	<i>Legend of Good Women</i> , lines 1-316
11	M	29-Oct	<i>Legend of Good Women</i> , lines 316 - end
	W	31-Oct	<i>Legend of Good Women</i> : review In-class Middle English translation test
	F	2-Nov	George Kane, "The Autobiographical Fallacy in Chaucer and Langland Studies," in the Course Pack
12	M	5-Nov	Thomas Hoccleve, Introduction and <i>Complaint</i> , in the Course Pack
	W	7-Nov	Thomas Hoccleve, <i>Dialogue</i> , in the Course Pack
	F	9-Nov	John Burrow, "Autobiographical Poetry in the Middle Ages: The Case of Thomas Hoccleve," in the Course Pack
13	M	12-Nov	In-class presentation of research paper proposal <b>Written proposal due</b> at the end of class
	W	14-Nov	<i>The Book of Margery Kempe</i> , Introduction, Proem, Preface, Chapter 1
	F	16-Nov	<i>The Book of Margery Kempe</i> , through p. 96
14	M	19-Nov	<i>The Book of Margery Kempe</i> , through p. 148
	W	21-Nov	Thanksgiving recess

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	F	23-Nov	Thanksgiving recess
15	M	26-Nov	<i>The Book of Margery Kempe</i> , through p. 214
	W	28-Nov	<i>The Book of Margery Kempe</i> , through p. 261
	F	30-Nov	<i>The Book of Margery Kempe</i> , through the end
16	M	3-Dec	<i>The Book of Margery Kempe</i> : review <b>RESEARCH PAPER DUE</b> at the beginning of class
	W	5-Dec	Wrap up