

Medieval Civilization Final Exam

1. Who is murdered in *Murder in the Cathedral*, and what is his profession?
(2 points)
2. Why did Gregory the Great write *Pastoral Care*?
(3)
3. What does C.S. Lewis say is the biggest difference between the way we view books and the way people tended to view books in the Middle Ages?
(3)
4. List two of Roger Bacon's "four chief obstacles to grasping truth."
(2)
5. Who compiled the Magna Carta, and what was his profession?
(2)
6. Provide one specific example from *The Imitation of Christ* that indicates that Thomas a Kempis blended Gnosticism with his faith.
(2)
7. What is the central theme of *The Prince*?
(2)
8. Briefly describe Anselm's ontological argument for the existence of God.
(5)
9. What is the theme of the *Song of Roland*? Defend your choice.
(8)

10. Who guides Dante through hell, purgatory and heaven? Why does he choose these people to be his guides?

(5)

11. How does Beowulf differ from the pagan ideal of the hero? Compare and contrast. Then explain why Beowulf conforms more closely to the biblical ideal.

(8)

12. List and discuss two ways that *Piers Plowman* prepared the way for the Reformation. Then list and discuss two elements of the poem that contradict Protestant doctrine.

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13. (Answer on a separate sheet of paper) Do you believe that Thomas More intended his description of Utopia to be a satire, a desirable goal, or an unattainable ideal? Cite examples and defend your answer.

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