Chivalric Society

History 12
Spring 2008
Mr. Bensch


II. The Two Feudal Ages of March Bloch. Jan 29.


III. The Old Order: Power, Order, and Ritual Before the Millennium. February 5.


Special Topics:

A. Presenting Power: Ritual and Representations,

G. Koziol, Begging Pardon and Favor: Ritual and Political Order in Early Medieval France (Ithaca and London, 1990), pp. 23-76.

B. Keeping Order:

P. Hyams, Rancor and Reconciliation in Medieval England (Ithaca and New York, 2003), 3-110.


Special Topics:

A. The Peace of God.


B. New Forms of Justice.


Special Topics:

A. The Conceptual Relevance of Feudalism.


B. The Anglo-Norman Example.


Special Topics:

A. Slaves to Serfs?


B. The Nature of Servile Obligations.


VII. Vernacular Culture and the Epic. March 4.

The Song of Roland, tr. F. B. Luquiens (N.Y., 1952).

Midterm: March 6
VIII. Restructuring the Early Medieval Aristocracy. March 18.

Bloch, Feudal Society, II, 281-332.

Special Topics:

A. Lordship: Command and Ritual.


B. The Origins of the Noble Families: From Sippe to Geschlect?

G. Tellenbach, "From the Carolingian Imperial Nobility to the German Estate of Imperial Princes," in The Medieval Nobility, pp. 203-44
IX. The Shaping of Noble Houses. March 25.

G. Duby, The Knight, the Lady, and the Priest, tr. B. Bray (N.Y., 1983).

Special Topics:

A. How Cohesive were Noble Families?


X. **The Rise of the Knights.** April 1.

Chrétién de Troyes, *Perceval le gallois.*

**Special Topics:**

A. The Problem of the Knights.


B. Memory and Aristocratic Identity.

XI. Reordering Europe. April 8.


Special Topics:

A. Christianizing Violence: The Crusading Movement.


B. Noble Patronage and the Church.

XII. The Courtly Complex. April 15.


Special Topics:

A. Love: Heresy or a New Civilization?


B. Romance and Power

XIII. Courtliness and Chivalry. April 22.

Bouchard, *Strong of Body*, pp. 103-44.

Special Topics:
A. Shaping Courtly Culture.


Special Topics:
A. Confronting and Baronial Community in England

- J.C. Holt *Magna Carta* (Cambridge, 1965), 1-18, 63-104. 201-41,

B. Consultation and Persuasion: