

28 January – 13 May 2012

Looking for a new way to enhance your English class curriculum?
Bring your class to the **Bodleian Library exhibition** this spring

THE ROMANCE OF THE MIDDLE AGES

For 6th form
and KS2
(years 5 & 6)



The Romance of the Middle Ages explores the amazing variety of medieval romance, how it was depicted in text and picture, and how it shaped later literature and culture.

The exhibition draws on the Bodleian's outstanding collection of manuscripts and early printed books containing medieval romances.

Featured in the exhibition are major works by some of the great figures of medieval literature, including Geoffrey Chaucer and the anonymous *Gawain*-Poet. We set these English texts alongside books from around Britain and Europe, and artworks that illustrate romance legends—carvings in wood and ivory, tiles, painting and jewellery.

We also show how romances have inspired writers and artists through the centuries: from the early modern period (Shakespeare, Spenser, Ariosto, Cervantes) to medieval revivalism in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries (Scott, Burne-Jones, Morris) and to contemporary interpretations and adaptations by J.R.R. Tolkien, Philip Pullman and Monty Python.



- Free visits to this colourful exhibition, with study space available at the heart of the historic Bodleian Library.
- Curriculum-focused materials available to download from the exhibition website (<http://medievalromance.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>) for 6th form and KS2 (years 5 & 6) students.
- Possibility of expert introduction to the exhibition by the curator and discussion with the students.
- Ideal for extending A level or equivalent work, and for students thinking about studying English at university.
- Supports and extends classroom work for KS2 (years 5 & 6) children.

Booking essential. Dates available on certain **Tuesday and Thursday mornings, between 9.30 and 12.30**

To book, please email tours@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

For further information, or to book by telephone, call **01865 277224**

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