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Evaluation of Medieval Literature and History Page

Created and edited by Grover Furr, the website Medieval Literature and History Page is a well designed site which categorizes a large portion of Medieval literature and history oriented sites available on the Internet. Separated into seven different sections, each easily accessible through a clickable table of contents, the Medieval Literature and History Page, located at <http://www.chss.montclair.edu/english/furr/medieval.html>, provides the viewer with quick and easy navigation throughout the site. My review of Furr's site is based on organization, content, accessibility, and authority.

Medieval Literature and History Page appears to be well authorized. The creator, Grover Furr, begins the page with a link to his Ph.D. dissertation entitled, *The Quarrel of the Roman de la Rose and Fourteenth Century Humanism*. Graduating from Princeton University in 1979 with a Ph.D., and currently teaching Medieval-related courses at a University, his credentials are all but unimpressive. Alongside his educational background, the page has been named a five star site by "SchoolZone Education".

The content found throughout this site is in accordance to Furr's educational purposes. Being comprised almost entirely of links to other pages on the Internet, the majority of the sites are equally accredited. Many of the links are to sites created by professors at universities throughout the U.S.; Stanford, UVA, University of Michigan, and Brigham Young to name a few. The only downfall is that a few of the sites were inaccessible, although I am lead to believe there is a chance it is due to my computer because Furr last updated this page on August 30, 2004. Almost all of the links have also been recently modified.

To go along with a well accredited website, its organization is also excellent. As noted above, the site can be navigated using a clickable table of contents. Broken down into seven different sections, Furr arranges the site in a well thought out manner. The first section provides access to basic Medieval resources found throughout the Internet. This is a good place to start because it provides the viewer with a foundation to build on. Without knowing basic Medieval facts, the rest of the site would appear foreign. He

then moves to one of the most influential literature figures of the period, Chaucer. After Chaucer, he sectionalizes other literatures, history, art, music, and culture of the Medieval period. Each section provides access to each link along with a sentence or two about the site. His description of each site could be more in depth, but that would potentially add a substantial amount of length to an already long website. He ends the page with a link allowing the viewer to email him and make suggestions about the site. Overall, Medieval Literature and History Page is a trustworthy and reliable online resource for information relating to the Medieval period.