

Reading Questions for Legends of Charlemagne -- Part One

Directions: Read these questions carefully **BEFORE** you read the section (pg. 237 - 262) For each of the questions, mark and label in your book passages that pertain. Finally, list the passage page numbers on this answer sheet, along with any thoughts you might have.

The introduction is rather scholarly, but we will be discussing it in class so please read it and highlight what you see as important points.

The culture of this time period is revealed throughout this book. In particular, look for the following:

1) What was the code of conduct expected of knights (the code of chivalry)? List its rules.

the code of conduct for women?

2) What were the references to a) obedience and b) fate (destiny over which men have no control)?

a) obedience

b) fate

What different types of Fate are portrayed?

3) Especially for students new to Omnibus and/or without much background for #4, what characteristics and roles do you see for the animals involved in these tales?

4) Especially for students of history and Omnibus I, what connections (allusions) to ancient myths/history do you find? What purposes do those allusions have?