

Medieval Personalities

Every student will be assigned three people to research and write short (2-3 page) biographies about. The papers are due on the following dates:

- First paper: Jan 30
- Second paper: Feb 20
- Third paper: Mar 20

The paper should contain a bibliography of sources consulted (the bibliography is not part of the page count), with a minimum of three sources (no more than one encyclopedia article counts toward the total of three sources). Students will give a five-minute presentation to the class on their assigned medieval personalities at a time to be determined. Papers may be submitted in class or via Blackboard.

1 (Christina Baldwin)

Thomas Becket
Leif Ericson
Peter the Hermit

2 (Vincent Martinez)

Eleanor of Aquitaine
Duke Wenceslaus (Bohemia) = Saint Wenceslaus
Snorri Sturluson

3 (Jamie Barrett)

King John Lackland (England)
Meister Eckhart
Michael the Syrian

4 (Aminta Gamez)

Harald Bluetooth
Robert Grosseteste
Symeon the New Theologian

5 (Cheyenne Cooper)

Emperor Alexios I Komnenos (Byzantine Empire)
Nennius (Welsh author)
Robert Guiscard

6 (Jennifer Obaya)

Empress Theodora (wife of Justinian I)
Alfonso VI the Brave (León and Castille)
King Henry I the Fowler (Germany)

7 (Paul Sturgeon)

Empress Theodora (wife of Theophilos)
Giotto
Pepin I of Landin, Mayor of the Palace (France)

8 (Jose Ortega)

Theodoric the Great
Rumi
Ramón Llull (Raymond Lull)

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Abu Bakr
Benedict of Nursia
Columba (Saint)

10 (Alan McCartney)

Al-Ghazali
Olaf Tryggvason
Stephen Langton

11 (Dylan King)

Chretien de Troyes
Rashi
Emperor Manuel I Komnenos (Byzantine Empire)

12 (Michael Welsh)

Gerbert of Aurillac
Lady Godiva
Jacob of Edessa

13 (Nicolas Peña)

King Cnut (or Canute) (Denmark, England, Norway)
Prester John
Abraham Ibn Ezra

14 (Jill Tripoli)

Marie de France
Eustace the Monk
Einhard

15 (David Morales)

Pope Gregory I the Great
William Wallace
Abbot Suger

16 (Justin Likes)

Emperor Zeno (Byzantine Empire)
King Robert the Bruce (Scotland)
King Aethelred the Unready (England)

17 (Dylan Rushton)

Peter Waldo
Guinefort (Saint)
Aaron ben Moses ben Asher

18 (Lauren Dorazio)

John Duns Scotus
Pope Formosus
Wace