**Middle Ages Test Review**

**English IV (H)**

Handouts to Review:

Middle Ages Background sheet

Middle Ages Crossword Puzzle

Notes on Middle Ages powerpoint

Video Clips questions (Knights, Clergy, Serfs)

Ballads and ballad characteristics (Ballads chart, Ballads ppt)

Intro to Chaucer handout

Pilgrim Match (Knight, Pardoner, Plowman, Wife of Bath)

“The Pardoner’s Tale” handout

“Wife of Bath’s Tale” handout and activity

Sir Gawain and Green Knight handout

Shield activity (star - chivalric hero virtues)

“The Death of Arthur” handout/video

Discussion questions:

1. Describe medieval ballads, addressing common subject matter and style characteristics. (Don’t merely identify or list these elements. Discuss.)
2. Describe the rights and roles of women during the Middle Ages. Use support/evidence from our readings to illustrate your answer and explain any parallels you see between Medieval and modern gender rights and roles.
3. In *The Canterbury Tales*, Chaucer frequently comments on the pilgrims’ morality (both strengths and weaknesses). Using specific examples, explain which traits Chaucer finds most admirable and which traits he finds most detestable.
4. Explain why *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* is a prime example of a medieval romance, listing specific characteristics and giving specific examples of each.
5. Sir Gawain carries a red shield displaying a golden pentangle (five-pointed star). Explain what each of the five points represents and how Sir Gawain demonstrates these points.
6. Compare and contrast the epic hero and the chivalric hero, giving specific examples to illustrate your answer and explaining the significance of the changes.