

English 416

Assignment

Due in class.

Translation #1



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1) Translate **20 lines** of Chaucer's *Troilus & Criseyde* into comprehensible modern English.

2) Next, choose **four significant words** in Middle English from the passage you've translated. Choose only nouns, adjectives, or verbs. Look each of them up in *The Middle English Dictionary*.

3) **Define** each word briefly. Cite other **examples** of those words in fourteenth-century English literary works.

Translate those examples into modern English.

500 words or two pages.

NOTE: You may also want to look up your English words in the *Oxford English Dictionary*, available online through our library. If you click on the *etymology* button, you will see the origins of the word. (As always, absolutely no Wikipedia.)