

Foundations in History and Literature

Assignment 2

- Memorize stanza 2 of “Light Shining out of Darkness” by William Cowper, printed in the appendix of your book.
- Complete Lesson 2 of your study guide after reading the selected stories by Chaucer and Boccaccio. I will quiz you orally on the material presented in the study guide.
- You will be writing *two* lines of your ballad (one tetrameter and one trimeter; see below). Although we went over the assignment extensively in class over the past two weeks, do not worry if you are still confused; however, remember the following:
 - * The lines should have a SOFT-LOUD rhythmic pattern (iambic).
 - * The first and third lines should be tetrameter (four feet; in other words, four iambic rhythmic patterns).
 - * The second and fourth lines should be trimeter (three feet; in other words, three iambic rhythmic patterns).
 - * If you are still confused, use William Cowper’s poem “Light Shining out of Darkness” as your model. Rest assured, if you are having difficulty, please remember that in class I will be helping you polish anything you have written.
- Memorize quotation #2, found in the appendix of your textbook.
- Complete Poetry and Poetics 2 in your Grammar and Poetics textbook.
- On the upper right is a picture of a Chaucer.



Long-Range Assignment

Your ballad assignment will be due the end of October.