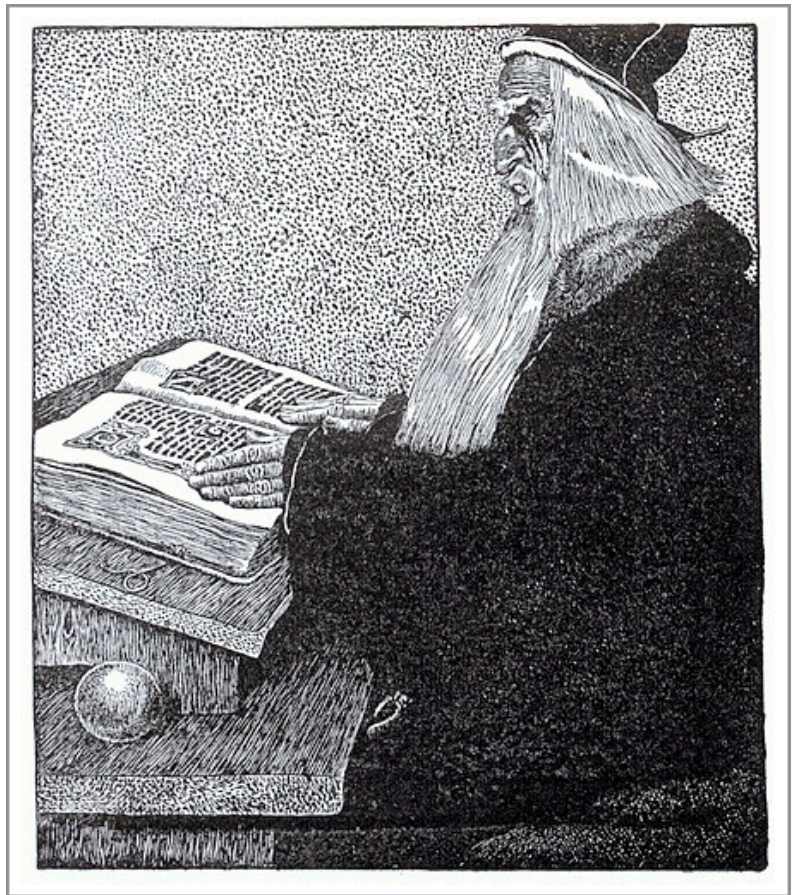


Great Books Seminar Assignment 30

1. Continue to memorize your speech. You will be delivering in front of the class this coming week (the first Friday in May).
2. The next story that you will be reading is Alfred Tennyson's "Merlin and Vivien." I will be quizzing you, however, not this coming Friday, but the following (with other reading), as we will not have time in class.
3. Write the timed essay on what is the cause of the downfall of nations. You may write an alternate essay on what you believe Tennyson's answer to the question is in



Idylls of the King. Make sure that you structure your essay into five paragraphs, including an introduction (ending with your thesis), three body paragraphs supporting your thesis (each beginning with a topic sentence) and a conclusion. Make sure that your paragraphs are logical and that you actually discuss what you set out to in your topic sentences!

Long-Term Assignment

On the third Friday in May you will be taking an at-home test on Tennyson's *Idylls of the King*. The test will include material from the study guide, lectures, class questions and class discussions. There will be a timed essay on the test, worth 10 points on the test.