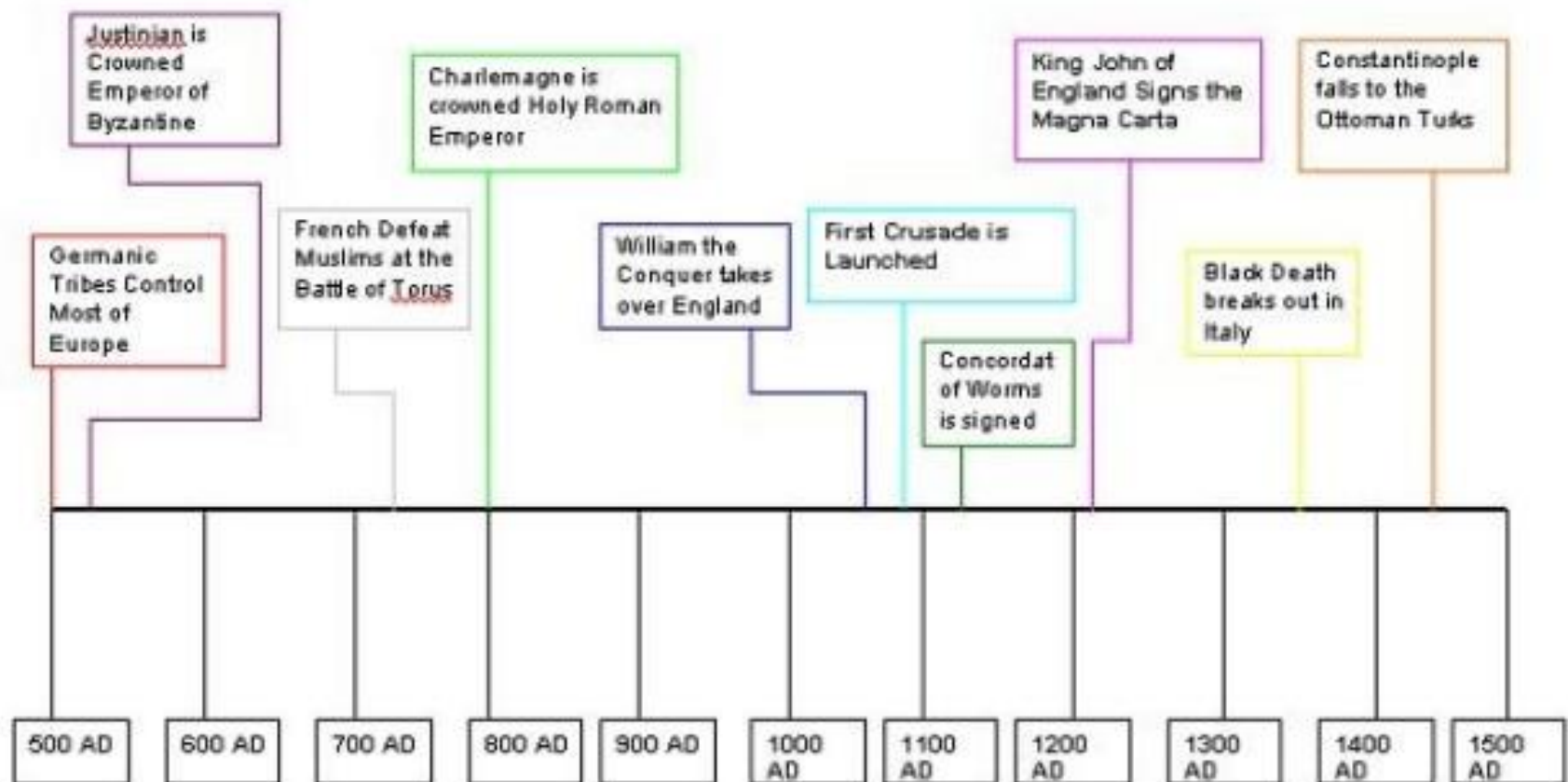


Sir Gawain & the Green Knight



Clarity and
Ambiguity

Middle Ages Timeline



WHAT IS AMBIGUITY?

AMBIGUITY DEFINITION

- Ambiguity is a statement or sentence which could have more than one possible interpretation, it is up to the listener or reader to determine what the true interpretation could be. There are some statements which may be ambiguous when said alone but with additional information, the ambiguity could be removed.
- When used as a literary device, ambiguity can give the reader the opportunity to think more deeply about the text that they are reading. A writer will often use ambiguity to give additional layers to their work as well as giving the reader some freedom by allowing them to make their own interpretation of what is happening.

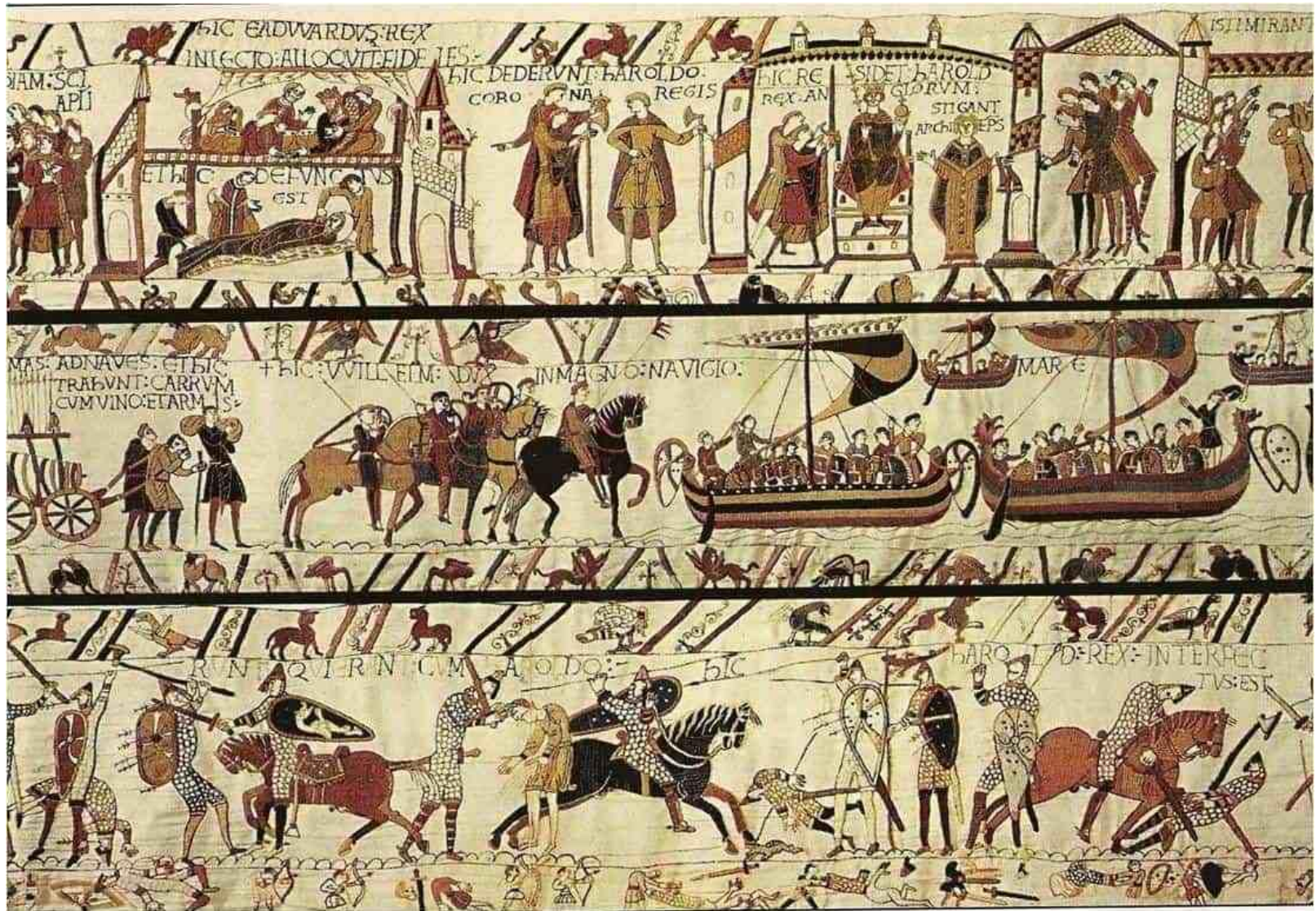


AMBIGUITY IN CONVERSATION

A Game called 'Ambiguity'



How important was the Norman Conquest?



What is Mediaeval Romance?



What is the symbolic importance of green?

- How has humankind's relationship with Nature changed since the A-S period?



What symbolism is there?

the LORD'S wife



Other Questions

- Who is invisible?
- What is the attitude to women?
- Who are the Others and how are they a threat?
- Is there a dream-world / liminal world?



Psychomachia?

Structure & Nature



What is the meaning of life?



The game of *Trawthe*

Formal Analysis

Structure of Stanzas

And after Britain was founded by this brave fighter
Rough fellows were fathered here who relished a fray
And made much mischief in troubled times.
More marvels have occurred in this country
Than any other since then, so far as I know.
But of all the kings who've commanded this land
Men say King Arthur was the greatest in courtesy.
Let me tell you, then, a tale of adventure,
A most striking one among the marvels of Arthur
Which some will consider a wonder to hear.
If you listen closely to my words a little while
I'll tell it to you now as I heard it told

Stock

in town:

A bold story, well proven,
And everywhere well known,
The letters all interwoven
As custom sets it down.

Bob

Wheel