

The exam will consist of 15 multiple-choice questions (2 pts. each), 15 fill-in-the-blank identifications (2 pts. each)—all these identification terms will come from your starred terms—and an essay (40 pts.). **BRING A BLUE BOOK.**

You can bring with you one-page outlines (that means in outline form, **not the whole essay written out**), which you will then turn in with your exam. The essay question will come from one of the following:

In a well-written, well-argued, and well-organized essay with a clearly identifiable thesis and supporting paragraphs answer one of the following questions. Do not forget to give specific evidence.

1. The term “Dark Ages” has often been applied to the Middle Ages. Do you agree or disagree with this characterization? Write an essay that supports or challenges the idea of the “Dark Ages”. Your essay should have at least three points in support of your argument.
2. In what ways did the “Disastrous Fourteenth Century” affect Medieval Society? Make sure to include at least three of the major catastrophes that we discussed in class (The Great Famine; The Black Death; The Hundred Years War; The Peasants’ Revolt; The Great Schism.)
3. Discuss some of the events (at least three) that helped to weaken the power of the Medieval Church and the papacy from the 13th to the 15th centuries.