

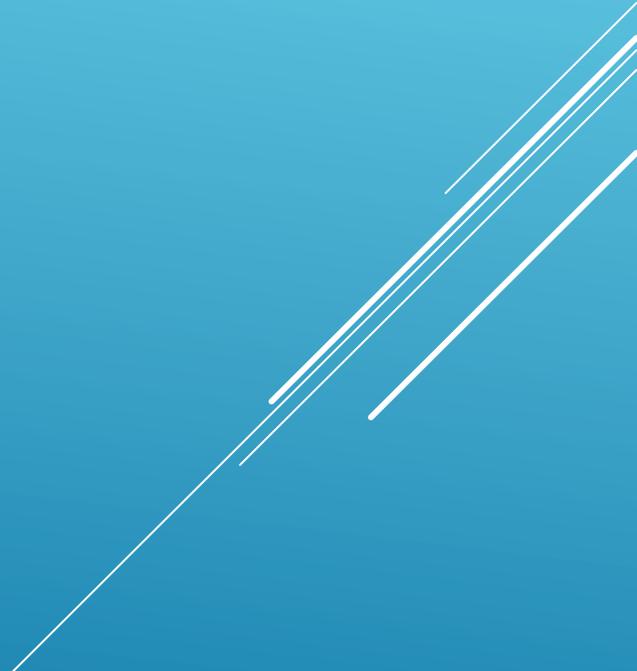
# SIR GAWAIN AND THE GREEN KNIGHT

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- ▶ Unknown
- ▶ Mid to late fourteenth century
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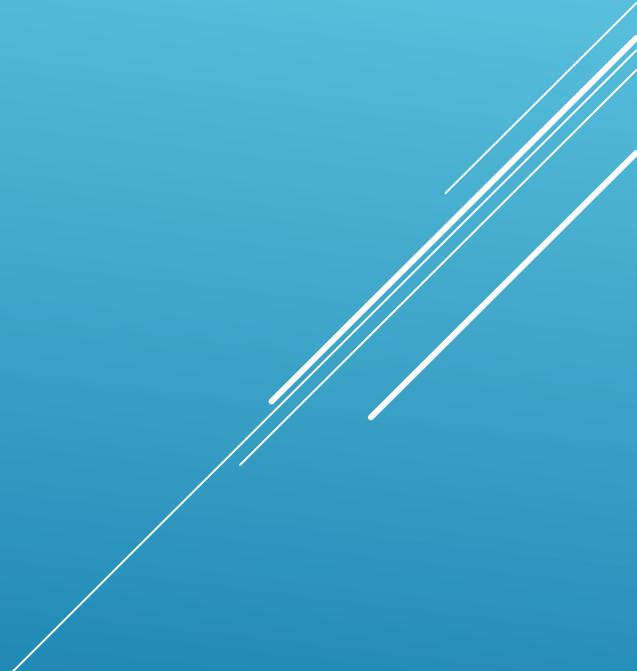
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- ▶ Sally sells seashells down by the seashore.
- ▶ Read first part.

# ALLITERATIVE POETRY

- ▶ Nephew of King Arthur
- ▶ One of the first knights associated with Arthur's story
- ▶ Gawain died fighting Mordred in *History of the Kings of Britain*

SIR GAWAIN

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- ▶ In medieval French and German accounts, Gawain is identified as both the finest model of chivalry and a prime example of hypocrisy
- ▶ In *Le Morte D' Arthur*, Gawain is both a hero and villain
- ▶ In English poetic romances, he represents the chivalrous ideals of truthfulness and loyalty
- ▶ He is the only knight of the Round Table to accept the mysterious Green Knight's challenge

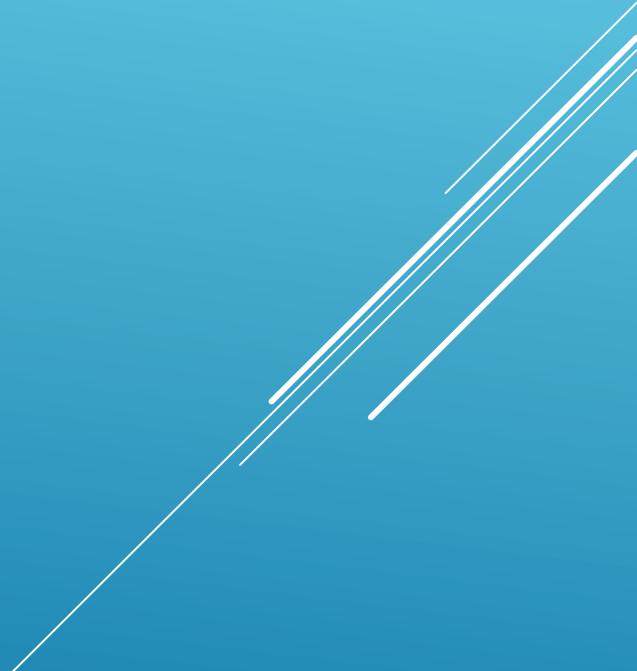
## SIR GAWAIN

- ▶ Lord Bertilak
- ▶ Challenges Sir Gawain to a game at Arthur's castle and then to another game at his own castle
- ▶ Sir Gawain stays with the Green Knight during his journey to the Green Chapel

# GREEN KNIGHT

- ▶ Wife of Lord Bertilak
- ▶ Three times attempts to seduce Sir Gawain into adultery

LADY BERTILAK

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- ▶ Starts on Christmas Day at a feast in Camelot
- ▶ King Arthur and his nobles, knights and ladies of the court are celebrating the holy day with great merriment and lightheartedness

SETTING

- ▶ Gawain's shield
- ▶ Where else have you seen a symbol like this in our culture?



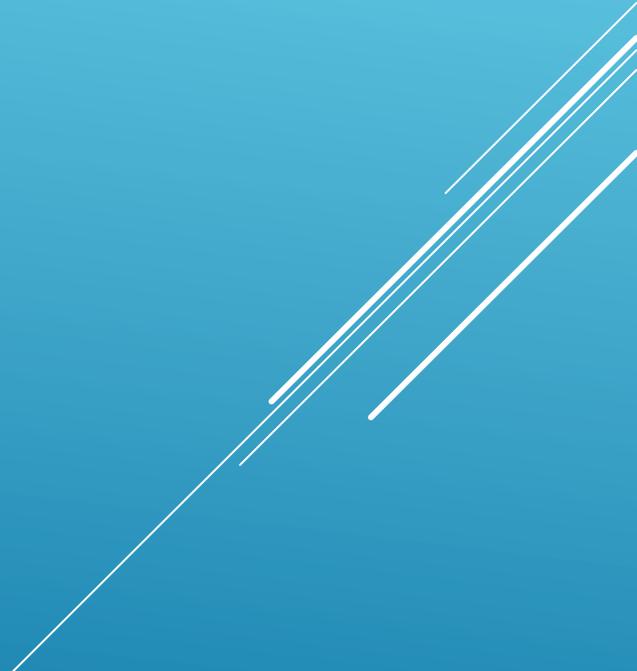
PENTANGLE

- ▶ Lines 620-669
- ▶ Five groups of five faultless items:
  - ▶ The five senses
  - ▶ Gawain's five fingers
  - ▶ The five wounds of Christ
  - ▶ The five joys of Mary
  - ▶ Five virtues
    - ▶ Generosity
    - ▶ Courtesy
    - ▶ Chastity
    - ▶ Chivalry
    - ▶ Piety

# PENTANGLE

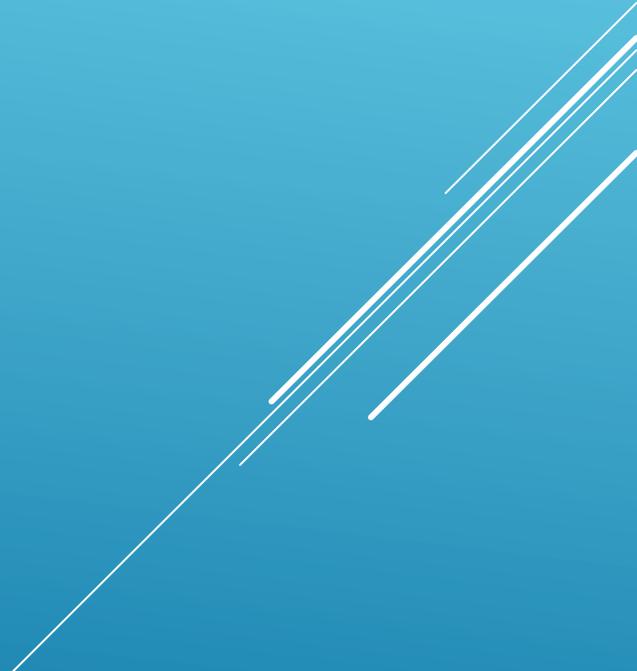
- ▶ Lines 2415-2425
- ▶ Proverbs 7
- ▶ Discuss:
  - ▶ Adam
  - ▶ Samson
  - ▶ David
  - ▶ Solomon

WARNING!

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- ▶ Lines 2378-2388
- ▶ Honest
- ▶ No defense for his actions

CONFESSION

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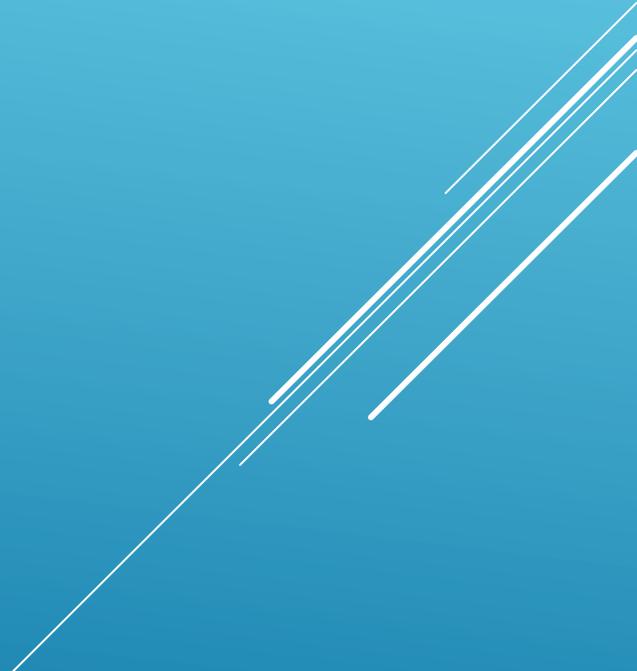
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▶ all

Words of Delight

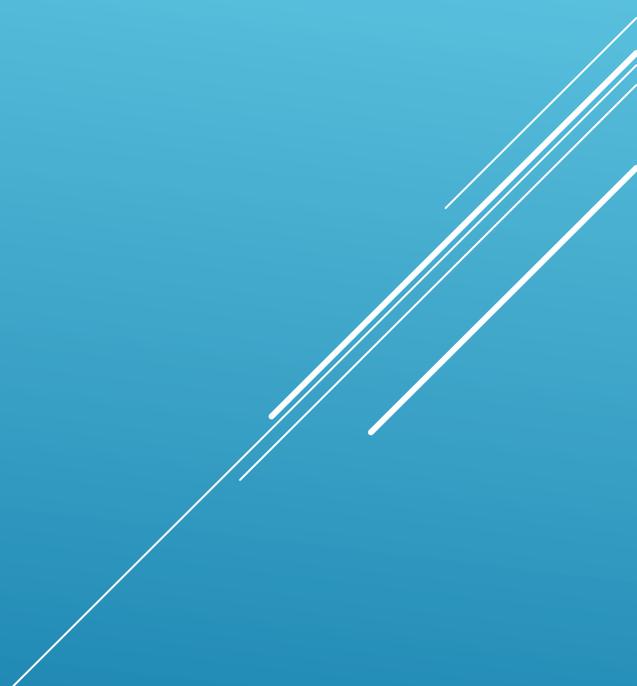
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READING HOMEWORK



▶ none

ENGRADE HOMEWORK



▶ none

WRITTEN HOMEWORK

