

WEEK 6 - 8: MEDIEVAL PERIOD TO RENAISSANCE

READING LIST – SOURCE MATERIALS

EARLY MIDDLE AGES

Justinian, 6th C. CE The Civil Law, "Proclamation ConAdrning Manufacturers," & "Proclamation ConAdrning Pork Butchers."

The Silk Trade during the Reign of Justinian, 6th C.:

Procopius, "Narrative on the Silk Trade"

Theophanes of Byzantium, "Narrative on the Silk Trade "

Menander Protector, "Narrative on the Silk Trade "

Cosmas the Monk, c. 545, Topographia Christiana, section 2, part about the "Silent Trade."

Gregory of Tours, The History of the Franks, X25.

The Talmud, 6th C. CE "Learning A Trade."

The Koran, 7th C., CE Surah 11:261-286; 111:130; 178, 199; IV:37-38; LVII:1,18.

Caliph Mansoor, 775, Letter on "advice to his son Mehedi,"
c. 772, Bazaar Rhyme, "Five Pence for Forty."

Anonymous, c. 800, One Thousand and One Arabian Nights, "The Deceitful Merchant,"
selections.

Ibrahim al Mosuli, c. 802, Chief Musician to Court of Caliph Haroun al Rashid, "Four Thousand Dinars for a Song."

Legal Codes (4th to 9th Centuries):

The Salic Code (The Laws of the Salian Franks), L “On the Making of Agreements”

Lex Burgundian (The Law of Gundobad and additional Enactments) XXI “Contracts”

Lombard Laws (Rothair’s Edictum) 227 “On Purchases and Sales”, 228 “ On Possessions”, and various laws on purchases and sales; (Laws of King Liutprand) 16.11 “Borrowing Money”, 18.1111 “Concerning Merchants”.

Omar Khayam, c. 1100, *Ruba'iyat*, 73, 98, 183, 186, 226.

Hugh of St. Victor, 1120s, The Didascalicon (A Medieval Guide to the Arts), Chapter 20: “Mechanical Sciences”, Chapter 23: “Commerce”

Sir Walter of Henley, c. 13th C., Husbandry, “How a Man Ought to Spend Wealth that God has Given Him,” “To Sell in Season,” “View of Account.”

Anon., c. 13th C., Husbandry, “The Cost of Carts,” “Time for Payments.”

Anon., c. 13th C., Seneschal, various offices related to markets.

(Saint) Robert Grosseteste, c. 13th C., Rules, various rules for managing an estate.

LATE MIDDLE AGES

Medieval Schoolmen:

St. Raymundi of Peniafort, c. 1200, Summa Theologica, "Of Usury and Security."

Maimonides, c. 1200, The Book of Civil Laws, Book XIII, Creditor and Debtor."

St. Thomas of Aquinas, c. 1250, Summa Theologica, LXXVII, "On Fraud Committed in Buying and Selling."

English (and one French) Kings:

King John (Lackland), 1215, Magna Carta, Article XI: "Protection from Usury; Article XII: "Protection from Moneylenders;" Article XLII: "The Protection of Merchants."

King Philip Augustus, 1258, "Law for Public Criers."

King Edward II, 1326, Letter to the Mayor of London, "Restriction of Exports."

King Richard II, 1390, Letter to Warden of the Cinque Ports, "Prohibition on Sales of War Ships."

King Henry IV, 1409, Letter to the Mayor of London, "Petition of the Cordewaneres vs. Cobelers."

West Visits East:

Crusaders:

Geffroi De Villehardoum, 1204-1207, Chronicle of the Fourth Crusade & Conquest of Constantinople, chapter on "Dividing the Spoils," 65-66.

Jean, Sire De Joinville, 1248-1254, Chronicle of the [Seventh] Crusade of [King] Saint Louis [IX], selections.

Travelers:

Rabbi Benjamin of Tudela, 1160-1173, Oriental Travels, selections.

Marco Polo, 1271-1295, Travels, "Paper Money," & other selections

John Mandeville, c. 1332-1356, Travels, selections.

Missionaries:

Friar John of Plano de Carpini 1245-1247, Diary, selections.

Friar William of Rubruck, 1253-1255, Reflections, selections.

Friar John of Monte Corvino, 1291-1305, Letters, selections.

Friar Odoric of Pordenone 1318-1330, Itinerary, selections.

Merchants:

Francesco Balducci Pegolotti, 1340's, Notices of the Land Route to Cathay and the Asiatic Trade, sections on "Paper Money", "Charges on Merchandize", "Hiring Dragomen", "Bribing Officials", "Details of Buying and Selling",.

Ibn Batuta, c. 1347, Travels, "Prices of Commodities," selections

English "Sea Dogs":

Captain William Hawkins, 1530, "Voyage to Brazil."

Captain Francis Drake, 1577, "Letter to King of Molucca to 'traffic and exchange merchandise'."

Captain Martin Frobisher, 1578, "Voyage to Cathay."

Mr. Richard Hakluyt, 1579, "Directions for Trading in Persia"

Sir Humphrey Gilbert, 1583, "Orders to the Merchants of Newfoundland."

Capt. Philip Amadas, 1584, "Trade with the Indians of Virginia."

Capt. Richard Rainolds, 1591, 'Chiefest Places of Traffic and Trade' on the West African Coast.

Captain John Saris, 1612-13, HMS Clove. Ship's Log, "East India Company's Trade with Cipango [Japan]," selections.

Pilgrims:

Geoffrey Chaucer, c. 1387 C., The Canterbury Tales, Prologue: "There was a Merchant...", 26-27.

Letters:

Andrew Moray & William Wallace to Senate of Lubeck & Hamberg, 1287, "Safety for Merchants."

Mayor of London to Countess of Gloucester, 1301, "Trade."

Anon. to Bishop of Bath, early 1300's, "Silver Mining."

John Fawne to Prior of Christ Church, 1479, "Sale of Wine."

Popular Songs of the Day, c. 12th-14th C.:

"A Song of Cash."

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John Lydgate, c. 1425 London Lackpenny, selections.

Leonardo da Vinci. 1428, Letter to the Duke of Milan, "Inventions for Sale."

Alvise da Cadamosto, 1455, "The Silent Trade in Salt and Gold."

William Caxton, 1477, "Advertisement for Salisbury Prayer Book."

Fra Luca del Borgo Paccioli, 1494, "Summa de Arithmetica, Geometrica, Proportioni, e Porportionalita" part about double entry bookkeeping

San Bernardino of Siena, 15th C., Opera Omnia, Vol 4, "On Trade."

Giovanni Maringhi, 1501, "Instructions to an Apprentice Merchant"

Old World Encounters the New World (Americas):

Christopher Columbus, 1493, "The Barcelona Letter" of Feb. 15, 1493 to Ferdinand and Isabella, part about private property.

Vasco da Gama, 1497, "Trading with Hottentots near the Cape of Good Hope."

Amerigo Vespucci, 1502, Journal of the New World, part about "The Common Property of the Natives," 78-81.

Bernal Diaz, c. 1520, The Conquest of New Spain, part about "The Great Marketplace of the Aztec Empire," 232-33.

Sir Thomas More, 1516, Utopia, selections.

Nicolaus Copernicus, 1525, Essay on "Reforming the Currency," and "Transactions."

Martin Luther, 1524, "On Trading and Usury," 86-124.

Jacques Carter, 1534, Diary, entry on encounter with the Huron Indians.

King Henry VIII, 1535, "A Proclamation Concerning the Retail Price of Beef, Mutton and Veal."

Carolus Molinareus, 1546, A Treatise on Contracts and Usury, selection.

Jean Bodin, 1576, "Paradoxes Concerning the Dearness of All Things"

Michel de Montaigne, 1580, Essays, "That One Man's Profit is Another's Loss."

Dr. Thomas Wilson, 1584, "A Discourse Upon Usury," selections.

Queen Elizabeth I, 1586, State Letters, letter re Sir Francis Drake, "State Political Motives vs. Private Profit Motives".

John Browne, 1589, The Merchants Avizo, selections.

Popular Songs of the Day, c. 16th C.:

"Greensleeves" (An Elizabethian Lady's Dress)

"Scarsboro Fair" (An English Trade Fair).

William Shakespeare, c.1600, Plays: The Merchant of Venice, Act I, Scn 3.
Romeo and Juliet, Act V, Scn.
The Winter's Tale, Act IV, Scn. 4, 14.

Sir Francis Bacon, C. 1600, Essays: "Of Expense," 145-146,
"Of Riches," 165-168,
"On Usury," 183-186,
"On Negotiating," 203-204.

Antonio Serra, 1613, A Brief Treatise on Making Gold and Silver Plentiful in Kingdoms,
selections.

Ben Jonson, 1614, Bartholomew Fair, Act II, Scene 2 & 5.

Sir Walter Raleigh, 1614, The History of the World, Preface, 62-63.

Sir Thomas Mun, 1621, A Discourse on Trade, selections.

William Scott, 1635, An Essay on Drapery: Trading Justly. Pleasingly and Profitably,
selections.

Robert Keayne, 1644, The Apologia, section on the Sin of Avarice

Jacques Savary, 1675, The Perfect Merchant, Ch VII, 55-57.

N. H. Merchant, 1684, The Complete Tradesman. selections.

William Petty, 1690, Political Arithmetic, No. 57, "Merchandising."

Nicholas Barbon, 1690, A Discourse on Trade, 9-11.

Sir Joseph Childe, 1694, A New Discourse on Trade, (2nd Ed), selections.