

It lays emphasis on supreme devotion to a fair lady. Its essential features are the following: 1) It (4 . 1 lacks general resemblance to truth or reality.) It exaggerates the vices of human nature and idealizes the virtues.

**Introduction Norman Conquest** The Normans was originally a hardy race of sea rovers living in Scandinavia. Moreover, continuous wars with other countries and diseases added miseries to the English people.

**The Influence of the Norman Conquest upon English Language and Literature** After the conquest, the Normans introduced the body of customs and ideals known as chivalry into England.

**The Romance in the Anglo–Norman Period** Essential Features of the Romance The romance was the prevailing literary form in the medieval period.

5) The central character of the romance is the knight, a man of noble birth and skilled in the use of weapons, who is commonly described as riding forth to seek adventures, or taking part in tournaments, or fighting for his lord in battle. The peasants, who had become serfs, toiled all the year round for the feudal landlords.

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