

21H.311
Fall 2004

Paper Topic #3: Petrarch

Requirements

- 1) Your paper must be 400-500 words (around two pages) long; it may be longer if you wish. The text should be double-spaced. It is due at the beginning of class on Wednesday, October 6.
- 2) Your paper must be computer-processed. It must have an informative title. Citations to Montaillou can be made in parentheses in your paper. For example, if you refer to something discussed by Leroy Ladurie on page 57, indicate this in the following manner at the end of the sentence: (57). Please put your name on the back of the last page **ONLY**.

Topics

1. What is Petrarch's secret? [Hint: there is more than one correct answer.]
2. It is the 1350s. Imagine you are either the Pope in Avignon, where Petrarch maintains a residence, or Laura, Petrarch's beloved. You have just read a manuscript by Petrarch entitled *The Secret*. Write a letter to a friend in which you share your thoughts about one or two specific points raised in your reading.