

Reading & Discussion Questions – Bauer pp. 172-179, “The Conversion of Clovis,” Excerpts on The Battle of Mount Badon

**Directions:** Please answer the following questions in a typed document following MLA formatting. On time submission = printed document submitted in class on the due date AND submission to Turnitin.com by class time.

**Clovis: From Bauer & “The Conversion of Clovis”**

1. (Both texts) Describe Gregory’s account of Clovis’ conversion as recorded in Bauer. How does this compare/contrast with St. Denis’ story?
2. (Bauer) Is Gregory’s comparison of Clovis to Constantine accurate? Why or why not?
3. (PDF) In your opinion, is Clovis’ speech effective for the mass conversion that follows? Why or why not?
4. (PDF) Does Clovis deal honestly and appropriately with Cloderic? (Give evidence to support in your response.) Why doesn’t the episode spark a blood-feud?
5. (Bauer) Why does Clovis’ invade Visigoth territory. Is he justified in his conquest?
6. (Bauer) When Clovis died, why did he leave his kingdom to all 4 sons?

**Arthur: From Bauer & “The Battle of Mount Badon”**

7. (Both texts) What are some of the stories that circulated about the Battle of Mount Badon after it was fought? Why do the stories vary so much in the retelling?
8. (Bauer) How did Ambrosius die? What is the significance of his manner of death?
9. (PDF) Based on the primary sources provided, was Arthur real or a reimagining of Ambrosius? Defend your answer using the text.