

Montaillou: Paper Requirements and Topics

Requirements

- 1) Your paper must be 400-500 words (around two pages) long. The text should be double spaced. It is due at the beginning of Class #4.
- 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**. For further guidelines, see the editing handout.

Topics

- 1) In what ways did Pierre Clergue violate his church's rules for priestly behavior? Did he do so out of conviction (Cathar beliefs), or purely out of self interest? Support your answer with specific examples from the book.
- 2) The inhabitants of *Montaillou* were nominally subjects of the King of France, but in practice this sovereign's authority was quite limited. Explain why this was so.