

Background: In the early 12th century, nobles celebrated courtly love, an ideal form of spiritual love in which a knight or courtier completely devoted himself to a noblewoman. Andreas Capellanus, a member of the clergy who served Marie of Champagne, wrote *The Art of Courtly Love* in about 1174. His manual included the following rules:

2. He who is not jealous cannot love.
3. No one can be bound by a double love.
4. It is well known that love is always increasing or decreasing.
6. Boys do not love until they arrive at the age of maturity.
12. A true lover does not desire to embrace in love anyone except his beloved.
13. When made public love rarely endures.
16. When a lover suddenly catches sight of his beloved his heart palpitates.
17. A new love puts flight to an old one.
24. Every act of a lover ends in the thought of his beloved.
30. A true lover is constantly and without intermission possessed by the thought of his beloved.

Directions: You will be assigned to a group. Your group will have 2 rules of Courty Love. For EACH ASSIGNED rule, you must answer the following questions. Prepare to present your answers to the class:

1. What do your rules mean? -Rewrite in student friendly language

A.

B.

2. Do you agree or disagree with your your rules? Explain why for EACH rule.

A. Rule:

Circle: Agree/Disagree

Why?:

B. Rule:

Circle: Agree/Disagree:

Why?:

4. Do your rules apply to romance today? Why or why not?

A. Rule:

Circle: Yes/No:

Why?:

B. Rule:

Circle: Yes/No:

Why?: