

**LEGEND**: anonymous traditional story

- \*Reflects the attitudes of the society that created them
- \*Heroes possess admirable qualities



## **MEDIEVAL ROMANCES:**

- \*Convey a sense of the supernatural
- \*Give glamorous views of castle life
- \*Shows ideals of **chivalry**: code of honor for knights
  - ~bravery
  - ~honor
  - ~courtesy
  - ~fairness to enemies
  - ~respect for women
- \*Lots of adventure & fighting
- \*Features knights, kings, & damsels in distress



**CONFLICT**: a struggle between opposing forces

- \*External coflict: struggle between a character & a force outside of that character
  - ~Man vs. Man
  - ~Man vs. Nature
  - ~Man vs. Society
  - ~Man vs. Fate
- \*Internal conflict: struggle within a character
  - ~Man vs. self
  - ~Usually involves a major decision to be made

