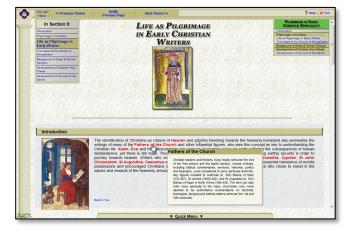
Using PILGRIMS AND PILGRIMAGE: Journey, Spirituality and Daily Life through the Centuries

I have used the *Pilgrims & Pilgrimage* CD-ROM in a course entitled 'Medieval Pilgrimage Literature', a course I have taught numerous times on both at M.A. and undergraduate level. As my students told me, the CD-Rom should be required reading since it contains vital information to supplement readings and topics covered in class. They also found it a very valuable, easy-to-use tool when trying to find a topic to research or to learn about things not covered in class. The highlighted words give definitions and links to further information when the student wants or needs it. The photos make pilgrimage come alive so that the student undergoes a virtual pilgrimage just by utilizing this invaluable tool.

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Comments from students at Texas State University, San Marcos

- I loved the incorporation of images and the smart tags that provide definitions to terms and biographies. I really liked the examples and textual evidence used, especially in the poetry sections.
- I loved the way the highlighted words gave you either definitions or links to learn more on the topic! This was useful because if I came across a word I wasn't familiar with in the reading I could just place my mouse over it and it would automatically pop up so I wouldn't have



to grab a dictionary! Also, the blue words linked to pages on the topic, which was great.

- I liked the way the pictures were very clear and relevant to the topics. For example, in the Virgin Saints section, there were pictures for each one that were so beautiful and detailed.
- The information in the sections was laid out in an informative way without being too wordy. It
 could have easily been written to sound pretentious, but it was very plainly presented, which is
 great when you are trying to understand a topic you aren't familiar with.
- I liked the variety of topics and the range of time covered ... The topics were so varied from the origins of pilgrimage to other religions' pilgrimages, which is great! It gives so much more to learn about the broader topic and it's cool to realize how much pilgrimage had affected our lives throughout history.
- Overall, I really just learned how pilgrimage is everywhere! It really does drive home that the topic is literally seen in almost everything, past and present!