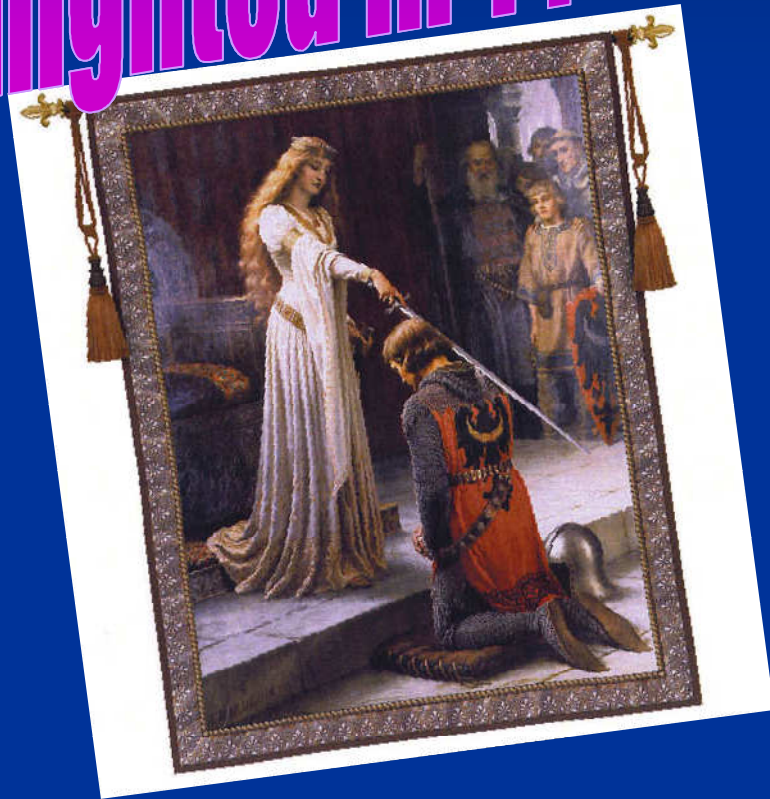


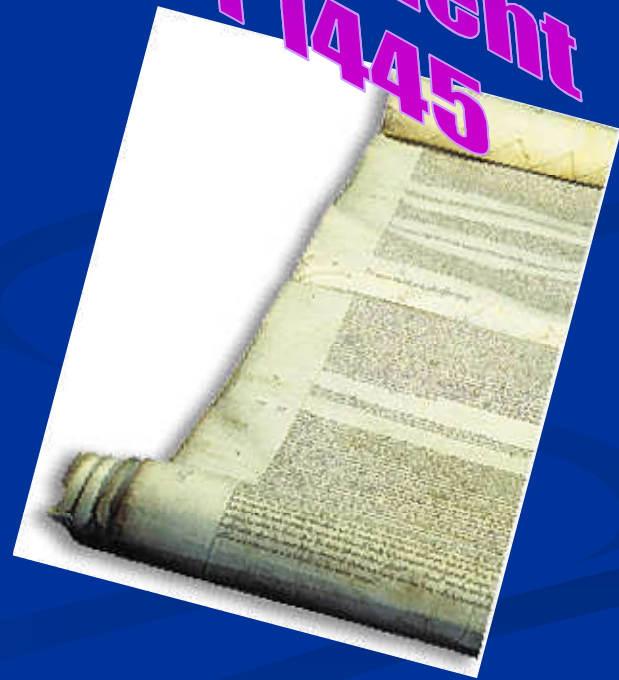
Sir Thomas Malory

1405? — 1471

knighted in 1442



served in the
parliament
of 1445



a politician gone bad (imagine that)

- Apparently rather lawless: most of his life from 1451 on was spent in prison for crimes such as

robbery

extortion

rape

poaching

attempted murder

Many claim

He was only accused of some of these crimes by the Yorkist government because he had supported the House of Lancaster during the Hundred Years War, which is very possible.

During his prison years...

He wrote *Le Morte d'Arthur*, finishing it about two years before his death.

Original title: **The Book of King Arthur
and His Noble Knights of the Round Table**

Original format: **8 more or less separate romances**

Published in 1485 by William Caxton
(who introduced the art of printing to
England) after Malory's death

Caxton changed the title to *Le Morte d'Arthur*

and it is still the most complete English version of
the Arthurian legends

