Reading Notes

June, 1294 The Abbey of St. Alban Roger Quartermayne Adam Quartermayne Perkin Nick	date the story begins monastery built on the site of St. Alban's martyrdom Adam's father; a skilled minstrel the main character; Roger's son; wants to be a minstrel Adam's friend at St. Alban's school Adam's cocker spaniel
	Vocabulary Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.
1. disappointed but not d	aunted
	ourgesses
3. a length of cloth for a s	urcoat
	Comprehension Questions Answer the following in complete sentences.
1. Why is Adam at the Ab	bey School, and where is his father?
2. What do the boys of St	. Alban's do while they are eating dinner?
3. What language is spok	en by all the boys at the Abbey?
	that comfort Adam as he waits for his father to return:
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	ges spoken in England at this time. Name them and tell who spoke them.

10 Chapter 1

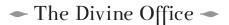
Discussion Questions

- 1. Who says the quotation? _____ Who is coming? _____
- 2. Contrast Roger Quartermayne with "ordinary minstrels."
- 3. Why is Adam well-liked at school?
- 4. Why is Perkin so serious about his education? What are his career plans?

Enrichment

- 1. Look at the picture preceding Chapter 1. Identify the characters, place, and what is happening.
- 2. Memorize the Norman kings from England's Sovereigns in Verse in the Appendix.
- 3. Chapter 1 describes Adam's life at the Abbey. Imagine that you could tell Adam about your day. Write a letter to Adam and tell him about your daily routine. To help him understand, explain what you are doing during each of the seven hours of the **Divine Office**. The **Divine Office** refers to special hours of each day at which the monks would say prayers, read the Bible, and sing the Psalms.





- Matins 4:00 a.m. (This service was named many years after it was first practiced.)
- Lauds (Praises) & Prime 6:00 a.m. (The first hour after sunrise)
- **Terce** 9:00 a.m. (The third hour after sunrise)
- **Sext** 12:00 noon (The sixth hour after sunrise)
- None 3:00 p.m. (The ninth hour after sunrise)
- **Vespers** 5:00 p.m. (Also called "evensong," this service involves singing the Psalms.)
- Compline 7:00 p.m. (The final service of the day is quiet and contemplative.)



