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Orhan Pamuk and His Medieval Age

I am Orhan Pamuk, I was sent back in time by a mad scientist to see the medieval age. Today I will tell you how my life passed here. First of all, I want to tell you about my education. I was well educated because I was the son of a rich family. I went to Grammar schools which were usually part of a cathedral or large church. I learned Latin grammar there. As well as grammar I learned logic (the art of arguing) and rhetoric (the art of public speaking) and then I went to Oxford University which was founded in the 12th century; I took a Bachelor of Arts degree. During my Italian trip, I encountered Petrarch and Boccaccio. We had conversations on literature, art, love and so on. Petrarch has always been expressing love for Laura, and also he mentioned her in most of his poems and nowadays he is working on his work called *Canzoniere*. Boccaccio is writing a work called *Decameron* that is about the plague epidemic that I found very interesting. Meeting these two famous writers opened my horizons, "I read a book one day and my whole life changed", so I decided to become a writer. While I was in Italy, I had dinner with our family friend: Medicis. They said that they would support me financially and morally if I wrote a story about them. They even said I could stay with them in Italy. But I didn't accept it and I went back to London as I wanted to start my writing life there. I wrote a story of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table in Latin. I received Nobel Prize with this story. A woman named Christine de Pisan wanted to meet and congratulate me. She is also a writer and she generally uses the vernacular French language while she composes her book. She gave me her own book *The Treasure of the City of Ladies*. Christine combats men's statements about women by creating an allegorical city of ladies. I was very impressed by her and I realized that I fell in love with her in our second meeting. We always talk about the difficulties that women face in our age. I supported her to write to defend the rights of women. We broke up after being together for 2 years. My family exchanged lands for military services; this was how the feudal system worked. I was fighting for the king during the times of war. I had knights serving them. I sent them to the battle while I am writing to you. That's all for today, I will explain the rest of my life in another story.