An annotated starting point for a MA medieval history reading list (revised August 2014).

1. General studies of medieval history and methodology


Paradigm Shifters: Medieval History studies that have changed the way scholars look at events, persons, ideas.....

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