HA: ME Syntax

The syntax section this time focusses on some things that are not completely new to us. Please focus on the following:

1. Be able to explain what the verb-second rule is about. You should be able to use their examples (4) and (5) to explain this rule. (and we came already across this rule in Old English :))

2. Read about the NICE properties (pages 141-2) that all auxiliaries in PDE have. Be able to explain in what respect the modals in ME are different from the modals in PDE.

3. Why is the possessive *-s* so interesting?

    - Why is it quite unlike a case-marker?
    - Why is the development from case-marker to possessive *-s* unexpected?

    Again, ideally you should be able to explain this in your own words.