

Canterbury Tales

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1. Define the following terms.

satire:

irony:

moral:

2. Who is the original author of *Canterbury Tales*? Why has it been translated?

3. Why do the pilgrims tell stories?

4. Where are the pilgrims going?

5. Contrast the description of the rooster with that of the widow who owned it in *The Nun's Priest's Tale*. Do you think this description is satirical? Why or why not?

6. What is the moral of the story told in *The Pardoner's Tale*?

Match each noun on the left to the correct, corresponding phrase on the right.

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| _____ 1. prologue | A. A lesson to be learned in a story |
| _____ 2. Geoffrey Chaucer | B. Spends 1-2 years in England in battle |
| _____ 3. Chanticleer | C. The place to which Chaucer is traveling |
| _____ 4. Lady Pertelote | D. An introduction to a book |
| _____ 5. fox | E. The Death that is left under a tree |
| _____ 6. moral | F. The widow's rooster |
| _____ 7. Death | G. A traveler |
| _____ 8. gold florins | H. Decides on the knight's fate |
| _____ 9. Queen | I. The original author of Canterbury Tales |
| _____ 10. old woman | J. A traitor who kills many |
| _____ 11. Arveragus | K. A squire who loves a married woman |
| _____ 12. Dorigen | L. One of Chanticleer's wives |
| _____ 13. Aurelius | M. Wife who is distressed over of her husband's absence |
| _____ 14. pilgrim | N. The hypocrite who tries to kill Chanticleer |
| _____ 15. Canterbury | O. Saves the knight's life with the correct answer |