

The Canterbury Tales, etc. TEST

MATCHING. Directions: Write the correct answer in the blank provided. Answers will only be used once. (2pts)

<u>Terms</u>	<u>Definitions</u>
_____ 1. Connotation	a. when a person says one thing while meaning another
_____ 2. Denotation	b. the suggested meaning of a word
_____ 3. Direct Characterization	c. when the author suggests traits by describing a character's thoughts, actions, appearances, etc.
_____ 4. Dramatic Irony	d. the outcome of a situation is the opposite of that expected
_____ 5. Folk ballad	e. literal meaning of a word
_____ 6. Indirect Characterization	f. author tells something outright about a character
_____ 7. Situational Irony	g. reader knows something that characters do not know
_____ 8. Verbal Irony	h. rhymed verse that was recited or sung

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<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Class</u>
_____ 9. Doctor	a. Feudal System
_____ 10. Friar	b. Religious Life
_____ 11. Knight	c. Trades or Professions
_____ 12. Miller	
_____ 13. Parson	
_____ 14. Skipper	
_____ 15. Wife of Bath	

TRUE/FALSE. Directions: Legibly write T or F in the blank provided. (1pt)

- _____ 16. The pilgrimage began in the spring.
- _____ 17. The Knight was the narrator of the story.
- _____ 18. This group of pilgrims met at the Globe Theater.
- _____ 19. Chaucer makes fun or satirizes some of the pilgrims.
- _____ 20. The pilgrims traveled to pray to the martyr, Thomas More.
- _____ 21. The Canterbury Tales is a frame story.
- _____ 22. There are three thieves in "The Pardoner's Tale."
- _____ 23. The characters in "The Pardoner's Tale" decide to kill Death.
- _____ 24. A pardoner could grant indulgences.

SHORT ANSWER. Directions: Legibly write the answers in the space provided. (1pt)

Name four functions of the church during the Medieval Period.

- 25.
- 26.
- 27.
- 28.

Name three of the reasons travelers went on the pilgrimage.

- 29.
- 30.
- 31.

Name three traits of a ballad.

- 32.
- 33.
- 34.

List three of the aspects of the code of chivalry.

- 35.
- 36.
- 37.

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Directions: Legibly write the letter of the correct answer in the blank provided. (1pt)

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_____ 38. In "The Pardoner's Tale," when the three main characters hear about the plague, they swear they will

- a. stop drinking
- b. slay death
- c. repent their misdeeds
- d. escape into the clean countryside
- e. become doctors

_____ 39. To win the contest proposed by the host, a pilgrim must tell the story that is judged to be the

- a. funniest
- b. most unusual
- c. most thrilling
- d. most pleasing and uplifting
- e. most offensive

_____ 40. In "The Pardoner's Tale," the trio follows the old man's advice and find

- a. a fresh corpse
- b. gold florins
- c. silver coins
- d. a heap of gold coins
- e. all of the above

_____ 41. The Knight was traveling to Canterbury to

- a. give thanks
- b. vacation after battle
- c. ask forgiveness for killing people
- d. ask for a cure
- e. none of these

_____ 42. In "The Pardoner's Tale," the young man who goes to town decides that he will

- a. attempt to steal the entire treasure
- b. sneak back and murder his friends
- c. have his friends arrested
- d. invest his share of the treasure
- e. poison the others for the treasure

_____ 43. All of the following are typical ballad topics EXCEPT

- a. murderous acts and the desire for revenge
- b. tragic accidents and sudden disasters
- c. heroic deeds and the quest for honor
- d. jealous sweethearts and unrequited love
- e. all of these are typical ballad topics

_____ 44. What does the host suggest as a prize for the best story?

- a. a new horse for the ride home
- b. a free night's lodging at the inn
- c. a coat made of fine wool
- d. a supper paid for by the other pilgrims
- e. a book autographed by Chaucer

_____ 45. In "The Pardoner's Tale," the attitude of the tavern-knave toward Death is one of

- a. respect
- b. loathing
- c. superiority
- d. unconcern
- e. fear

_____ 46. It is fitting that the Pardoner relates the grim tale because he, of all the pilgrims,

- a. is a holy man who does not care for the things of this world
- b. has the greatest fear of dying violently in the plague
- c. has witnessed such greed and knows how it affects people
- d. is just as greedy for money as the subjects of his tale
- e. has a desire to win the contest

_____ 47. He inappropriately had "girl friends."

- a. Knight
- b. Friar
- c. Doctor
- d. Skipper
- e. Parson

_____ 48. Chaucer has been called

- a. the father of English prose
- b. the father of the English language
- c. the father of English poetry
- d. the inspiration of the Medieval Period
- e. the narrator of all times

_____ 49. In "The Pardoner's Tale," where can Death be found?

- a. by the poplar
- b. near the oak
- c. under the cedar tree
- d. behind the apple grove
- e. under the hill

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- _____ 50. The destination of the pilgrims was
- London
 - Chestwick
 - Oxford
 - Carlisle
 - Canterbury

- _____ 51. How many pilgrims were on the trip?
- 25
 - 26
 - 27
 - 28
 - 29

- _____ 52. What pilgrim heard confessions and pardoned sins in exchange for gifts?
- Friar
 - Pardoner
 - Knight
 - Doctor
 - Merchant

- _____ 53. What business establishment did the pilgrims depart from?
- The Chestwick Club
 - The Carlisle Inn
 - The Tarrytown Tavern
 - The Tabbard Inn
 - The Oxford Inn

- _____ 54. Each pilgrim was to tell how many tales?
- one
 - two
 - four
 - six
 - as many as each wanted

- _____ 55. TCT is considered to be Chaucer's masterpiece for all of the following reasons EXCEPT
- he was the first writer to use English in a major literary work
 - The Canterbury Tales gives a lifelike and engaging picture of a cross section of society during the 1300s
 - he portrays the clergy and church in a positive light
 - The Canterbury Tales is an outstanding literary achievement, with ~1700 lines of vivid poetry
 - All of these are reasons it is considered Chaucer's masterpiece

- _____ 56. The three men in "The Pardoner's Tale" decide to
- bury the treasure immediately
 - give the treasure to the poor
 - use the treasure to buy medicine
 - divide the treasure right away
 - divide the treasure at a later time

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- Pilgrims
- _____ 57. Doctor
 - _____ 58. Friar
 - _____ 59. Knight
 - _____ 60. Miller
 - _____ 61. Narrator
 - _____ 62. Parson
 - _____ 63. Skipper
 - _____ 64. Wife of Bath

- Description
- "a wrangler and buffoon..."
 - "Yet he neglected not in rain or thunder, in sickness or in grief, to pay a call"
 - "...grounded in astronomy..."
 - "The barge he owned was called *The Maudelayne*."
 - "somewhat deaf"
 - "He kept his tippet stuffed with pins for curls, And pocket-knives, to give pretty girls."
 - "Truth, honor, generousness and courtesy."
 - "Ready to go on pilgrimage and start For Canterbury, most devout at heart."

- Terms
- _____ 65. Exemplum
 - _____ 66. Fable
 - _____ 67. Frame Tale
 - _____ 68. Riddle
 - _____ 69. Parable
 - _____ 70. Proverb

- Definitions
- teaches by providing a moral at the end of the story
 - provides a vehicle for telling other stories
 - specific example of a general rule
 - mind exercises, developed by the Anglo-Saxons
 - brief story that parallels a more general lesson
 - brief, memorable sayings that focus on a single topic

FILL IN THE BLANK. Directions: Legibly write the correct answer(s) in the space provided. (1pt)

71. What purpose did stained glass windows serve in the Middle Ages?

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72. Death defeats the three characters in "The Pardoner's Tale" by appealing to their _____.

73. Which of the three characters commit(s) murder in "The Pardoner's Tale"?

74. Aside from writer, what is another job that Chaucer held?

75. Who are two other pilgrims in the Prologue whom we did NOT read about?

76. At the beginning of "The Pardoner's Tale," where are the three characters sitting?

77. What are two of the four humours. _____

78. What is the exemplum of "The Pardoner's Tale"? _____

79. What was the center of daily life in every town?

80. Who translated the Bible from Latin to English? _____

ESSAY. Directions: Choose one of the options below and write a brief essay – 3 to 5 paragraphs – on the topic. Circle the letter of the essay option you choose to answer. Use the back of this page if you need more room. (10pts)

A. In "The Pardoner's Tale," why do you think Chaucer included the old man who cannot die but who knows where Death is to be found?

B. Explain the role of irony in "The Pardoner's Tale." Give one example of each form of irony.

C. Compare and contrast the Friar and the Parson or the Knight and the Miller. Include at least three traits per person.

D. Who do you consider the most unscrupulous of the pilgrims, and why? Give at least five supporting facts from your readings, including at least one quote.

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Extra credit. (2pts)

Ballads were often sung to the accompaniment of a _____.