

**Chaucer and *Canterbury Tales*
Take-Home Quiz**

Use your handout and book to answer the following questions.

1. The narrator meets all of the pilgrims at:
 - a) The Southwark Inn
 - b) The Fox and Hound
 - c) The Tabard
 - d) The name isn't mentioned
2. ___ is the first character described and the noblest.
 - a) The Pardoner
 - b) The Squire
 - c) The Knight
 - d) The Oxford Cleric
3. The ___ is the Knight's son, an amorous youth.
 - a) The Friar
 - b) The Oxford Cleric
 - c) The Squire
 - d) The Reeve
4. Which pilgrim "was known as Madam Eglantine"?
 - a) The Wife of Bath
 - b) The Prioress
 - c) The Nun
 - d) The Cook
5. Which traveller engaged in activities unbecoming of the ecclesiastical class, such as hunting and riding?
 - a) The Monk
 - b) The Yeoman
 - c) The Parson
 - d) The Pardoner
6. This pilgrim was named Hubert.
 - a) The Pardoner
 - b) The Physician
 - c) The Summoner
 - d) The Friar
7. The ___ was an impoverished student?
 - a) The Narrator
 - b) The Oxford Cleric
 - c) The Manciple
 - d) The Physician
8. Which Pilgrim had been married five times?
 - a) The Wife of Bath
 - b) The Merchant
 - c) The Miller
 - d) The Lawyer
9. Who told the dirtiest stories?
 - a) The Friar
 - b) The Wife of Bath
 - c) The Cook
 - d) The Miller
10. Who was arguably the ugliest pilgrim?
 - a) The Squire
 - b) The Summoner
 - c) The Parson
 - d) The Franklin
11. Who wrote *The Canterbury Tales*?
 - a) William Shakespeare
 - b) Geoffery Chaucer
 - c) Homer
 - d) Mark Twain
12. The pilgrims are headed to the shrine of ___ in ___?
 - a) King George, Essex
 - b) Robin Hood, Nottingham
 - c) Joan of Arc, Paris
 - d) Thomas a Becket, Canterbury
13. As the pilgrims left Southwark, they were led out of town by the Miller, playing a ___?
 - a) Bagpipes
 - b) Coronet
 - c) Flute
 - d) Drum
14. Who told the first tale?
 - a) Wife of Bath
 - b) The Miller
 - c) The Nun's Priest
 - d) The Knight
15. Chaucer writes in what type of English, specifically?
 - a) Old English
 - b) British English
 - c) Chaucerian English
 - d) Middle English
16. Which of the pilgrim women was widowed?
 - a) Prioress
 - b) Wife of Bath
 - c) Secretary to the Prioress
 - d) Alison
17. What was the Wife of Bath's physical impairment?
 - a) Nervous Tic
 - b) Blindness
 - c) Deafness
 - d) Amputee
18. Which of the following is NOT one of Chaucer's travelers?
 - a) The Blacksmith
 - b) The Merchant

- c) The Monk
- d) The Cook

19. The man who organized the pilgrimage and mediated the tale-telling contest, Our Host, what is his name?
- a) Harry Bailey
 - b) John of Gaunt
 - c) Bill Bailey
 - d) Vincent Grovner

20. How did Harry decide who would tell the first tale?
- a) According to age
 - b) Drawing straws
 - c) According to social rank
 - d) Coin toss

Part 2: Identify the pilgrim described in each of the following quotations from the General Prologue. Not all pilgrims are necessarily represented here.

21. A cropped head had he and a sun-browed face.
Of woodcraft knew he all the useful ways.
22. And thus, with flattery and suchlike japes,
He made the parson and the rest his apes.
But yet, to tell the whole truth at the last,
He was, in church, a fine ecclesiast.
23. But very ill it was, it seemed to me,
That on his shin a deadly sore had he;
24. Delightful living was the goal he'd won,
For he was Epicurus' very son,
That held opinion that a full delight
Was true felicity, perfect and right.
25. He could make songs and words thereto indite,
Joust, and dance too, as well as sketch and write.
So hot he loved that, while night told her tale,
He slept no more than does a nightingale.
26. On books and learning he would swiftly spend,
And then he'd pray right busily for the souls
Of those who gave him wherewithal for schools.
27. He had of good wrought gold a curious pin:
A love-knot in the larger end there was.
His head was bald and shone like any glass,
And smooth as one anointed was his face.
28. He heard confession gently, it was said,
Gently absolved too, leaving naught of dread.
He was an easy man to give penance
When knowing he should gain a good pittance;
29. He kept the gold he gained from pestilence.
For gold in physic is a fine cordial,
And therefore loved he gold exceeding all.
30. He loved God most, and that with his whole heart
At all times, though he played or plied his art,
And next, his neighbour, even as himself.
31. He was a jester and could poetize,
But mostly all of sin and ribaldries.
He could steal corn and full thrice charge his fees;

And yet he had a thumb of gold, begad.

32. Nice conscience was a thing he never kept.
If that he fought and got the upper hand,
By water he sent them home to every land.
33. Now is it not of God a full fair grace
That such a vulgar man has wit to pace
The wisdom of a crowd of learned men?
34. Nowhere a man so busy of his class,
And yet he seemed much busier than he was.
All cases and all judgments could he cite
That from King William's time were apposite.
35. She was so charitable and piteous
That she would weep if she but saw a mouse
Caught in a trap, though it were dead or bled
36. She'd been respectable throughout her life,
With five church'd husbands bringing joy and strife,
Not counting other company in youth;
37. There was no agent, hind, or herd who'd cheat
But he knew well his cunning and deceit;
They were afraid of him as of the death.
38. This worthy man kept all his wits well set;
There was no one could say he was in debt,
So well he governed all his trade affairs
39. Though so illustrious, he was very wise
And bore himself as meekly as a maid.
40. Wide was his parish, houses far asunder,
But never did he fail, for rain or thunder,
In sickness, or in sin, or any state,
To visit to the farthest, small and great,
41. With black and scabby brows and scanty beard;
He had a face that little children feared.