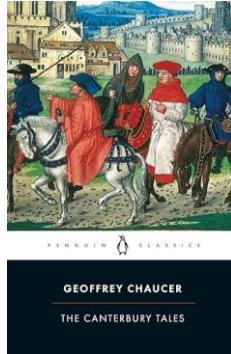


Providence Classical School

11th grade Rhetoric Summer Reading Assignment

The Canterbury Tales by Geoffery Chaucer



[Here is a link to the book on Amazon](#)

Assignment:

Read the following excerpts from *The Canterbury Tales*, create a reading journal, and write the essay. Bring all assignments on the first day of class.

What to read:

Introduction

The Prologue

The Knight's Tale

The Nun's Priest's Tale

Reading Journal:

Purchase a standard composition notebook and on the first page, write *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer and your name. In your journal create a section for the following:

- Define frame narrative DD
- The Introduction: Take notes while you are reading so you will have a clear understanding of the context and the author.
- **The Prologue**
 - Create a list of the Pilgrims and
 - Write a description of each one.
 - Keep track of the profession of each pilgrimmage
- The Knight's Tale
 - Create a list of the characters and a description of each

- A summary of the tale
- What virtue do you think the pilgrim promoting
- Two questions about the tale
- The Nun's Priest's Tale
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Essay: Choose one of the tales and write an essay explaining in what ways the tale Geoffrey reflects the central themes and concerns of medieval society? In your response, analyze how Chaucer uses characterization, social satire, and narrative structure to explore themes such as religion, class, morality, and gender. Use specific examples from at least two tales to support your argument.

Essay will be assessed on:

- ideas and evidence from the text
- the organization of ideas
- the word choice and vocabulary
- grammar and mechanics

On the first day of school, bring your copy of the book, your journal and your essay.