

## *The Summoning of Everyman*

1. As you read (and/or listen to the play) pay close attention to the characters appearing in the story, what they represent and their (ir)relevance to our contemporary world.

2. Identify the speaker and explain the significance of each of the following quotes:

“Here shall you see how fellowship and jollity, / Both strength, pleasure, and beauty/ Will fade from thee as flower in May. / For ye shall hear how our Heaven-King /Calleth Everyman to a general reckoning.”

“Yet of my good will I give thee, if thou wilt be kind, / Yea a thousand pound shalt thou have-- / And defer this matter till another day.”

“An yet, if thou wilt eat and drink and make good cheer, / Or haunt to women the lusty company, / I would not forsake you while the day is clear, / Trust me verily!”

“I lie here in corners, trussed and piled so high, / And in chests I am locked so fast-- / Also sacked in bags—though mayst see with thine eye / I cannot stir, in packs low where I lie.”

“All earthly things is but vanity. / Beauty, Strength, and Discretion do man forsake, / Foolish friends and kinsmen that fair spake-- / All fleeth save \_\_\_\_\_, and that am I.”

3. What is the lesson to be learned from *The Summoning of Everyman*?

4. Take a look at the entrances and exits. What functions do they serve?

5. Find the passage that indicates criticism of the Catholic Church.