

# Troilus and Criseyde

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## Geoffrey Chaucer (1342)

For al this world ne can I reden what It sholde been; som Iape, I trowe, is this; 130 And but your-selven telle us what it is, My wit is for to arede it al to lene; As help me god, I noot nat what ye meene. But in him-self with manhod gan restreyne Ech rakes dede and ech unbrydled chere, That alle tho that liven, sooth to seyne, 430 Ne sholde han wist, by word or by manere, What that he mente, as touching this matere.

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Dordestow that I tolde hir in hir ere Thy wo, sith thou darst not thy-self for fere, And hir bisoughte on thee to han som routhe? But sith I see my lord mot nedes dye, And I with him, here I me shryve, and seye 440 That wilkedly ye doon us bothe deye. But, every day, things that fools trust in end: 32. But I cannot endure that you dwell in so foolish an opinion, that of thy woe there is no termination.

## Cambridge, Corpus Christi College, MS 061: Geoffrey Chaucer, Troilus and Criseyde

Gone were his jests and his cruelty, his loftiness and his aloofness, and each of them changed to a goodness. They are massively influential, of course, but there's so much focus on these texts that pre-university, I had little idea of the breadth of literature.

## Troilus and Criseyde, by Geoffrey Chaucer

Declan Wilson With music composed by Gary Yershon and performed by Ehsan Emam, Tim Williams and Mike Dale. These include Saint-Maure's Roman de Troie, Boccaccio's Filostrato, which Chaucer supposedly used as his main source and Robert Henryson's Testament of Cresceid. Upon arriving in the Greek camp, Criseyde realizes the unlikeliness of her being able to keep her promise to Troilus.

## Chaucer's great poem Troilus and Criseyde: perfect reading while under siege from a virus

But that wot heigh god that sit above, If it be lyker love, or hate, or grame; And after that, it oughte bere his name.

### **Chaucer, Geoffrey (c.1343**

Hector, of Troy, objects; as does Troilus, although he does not voice his concern. There were footnotes, of course, but not as many as could be desired. I wolde han trusted, doutelees, That if that I, thurgh my disaventure, 415 Had loved other him or Achilles, Ector, or any mannes creature, Ye nolde han had no mercy ne mesure On me, but alwey had me in repreve; This false world, allas! Yet, pardee, god shal helpe us at the laste; And dredelees, if that my lyf may laste, And god to-forn, lo, som of hem shal smerte; And yet me athinketh that this avaunt me asterte! And yet thou hast this comfort, lo, pardee! Shulde be therfor fallen in despeyr, Or be recreaunt for his owene tene, Or sleen him-self, al be his lady fayr? Chaucer's work seems to absolve the throne of a large part of the blame for the eventual fate of the lovers, ascribing a lot of her eventual undoing to the nefarious Pandarus.

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