

# Canterbury tales - notes.

## Coles - The Nun's Priest's Tale

**Name:**

**Activity #1: Canterbury Tales Prologue Guided Notes**  
Directions: After the prologue from Part I of Canterbury Tales is complete, answer the following notes / activities.  
You may print and handwrite or type your responses.

**1. Basic Plot:** The story is about a man who goes on a pilgrimage (religious journey).  
 • To take (verb) - to go on a pilgrimage (religious journey)  
 • Basic story line = man goes on a pilgrimage (similar stories where a larger story)  
 • Short stories told by pilgrims are filled with plots, exaggerations and irony to make a point.

**2. What should we learn from the Canterbury Tales?**  
 • Social class (nobility, commoners, clergy, church, social issues)  
 • Purpose of Art/Religion  
 • Purpose of Canterbury Tales  
 • Purpose of Chaucer  
 • Purpose of Pilgrimage

**3. Who is Geoffrey Chaucer?**  
 • Why did Chaucer write the Canterbury Tales?  
 • Why is he not considered important?  
 • Define the following terms:  
 • Satire  
 • Allegory  
 • Parody  
 • Symbolism  
 • Purpose of Canterbury Tales = satire (irony, social issues)

**4. St. Thomas Becket**  
 • Thomas Becket was the Archbishop of Canterbury.  
 • Thomas Becket was the King's Chancellor.  
 • Thomas Becket was the King's Minister.  
 • Thomas Becket was the King's Advisor.  
 • Thomas Becket was the King's Symbol.

**5. Label the following characters with their corresponding term:**  
 • Underdog = Middle Class (Chaucer's audience)  
 • Religious figure = Religious figure (believed to have powers)  
 • Rich person = The Clerk, former in class to higher prices and standards (rich people had their own gold)  
 • Woman = Women's legal status = children (children property or dependent)

Description: -

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### The Pardoners Tale Summary

Lines — 285-308 There was also a Clerk of Oxford, who had studied logic for a long time.

### The Canterbury Tales: Summary & Plot

She told him to close his eyes and he would receive a kiss. In turn, the Squire starts telling a tale of supernatural beings and events.

### The Canterbury Tales Summary

Instead, the Monk relates a series of tales in which tragedy befalls everyone. She chooses death, and Virginius chops off his daughter's head, which he brings to Appius and Claudius. The Canon's Yeoman answers that his master has many strange tales filled with mirth and laughter, yet when he begins to tell of their life and actions, the Canon slips away embarrassed and frightened.

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### The Canterbury Tales: Summary & Plot

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### The Canterbury Tales Character Analysis

However, he eventually submits to his wife's plea for mercy. After the tale of Melibee, the Host turns to the merry Monk and demands a story that he confidently expects to be a jovial and happy tale. When the Knight finishes his story, the Host calls upon the Monk.

## **A Summary and Analysis of Geoffrey Chaucer's 'The Miller's Tale'**

The Franklin story consists of a couple happily married.

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