

The Canterbury Tales

Allusions

NOTE: You need to research the following allusions. You should know the basics of who they are, what they are known for, and the source where they appear (e.g., history, Bible, mythology). You also need to know how and why they are used in the tales in which they appear.

The General Prologue

Aesculapius	Aristotle	St. Christopher	Hippocrates
Thomas Becket	Zephyrus		

The Wife of Bath's Tale

Boethius	Dante	Juvenal	Midas
Ovid	Seneca		

The Pardoner's Prologue + Tale

Attila (the Hun)	Herod	Lemuel	Lot
Samson (and Delilah)			

The Man of Law's Tale

Samson	Socrates	Achilles	Daniel (the Prophet)
Mars	Hercules	Mary the Egyptian	Judith & Holofernes
Susanna (of Daniel)	David & Goliath	Jonah	

The Nun's Priest's Tale

Cato	Croesus	Andromache	Jack Straw (c. 1381)
Ganelon	Hasdrubal	Scipio Africanus	

The Canon Yeoman's Prologue + Tale

The Philosopher's Stone	Nineveh	Judas	St. Giles
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