

# The Canterbury Tales

## Preliminary Exam Study Guide

The preliminary exam consists of 75 multiple choice/short answer questions + one essay prompt. You will have the full 90 minutes to complete the exam.

### **Multiple choice/short answer – estimate 30-40 minutes**

You will be responsible for the following:

1. Vocabulary + Allusions List 1 – for
  - General Prologue
  - The Wife of Bath's Tale
  - The Pardoner's Tale
2. Information from the Introductory material on The Canterbury Tales
  - The Medieval Genres
  - Definitions of Frame Narrative, Metrical Tale
  - Other important historical and literary info included in these pages
3. Know the basic identifying features of the pilgrims

### **In-Class Essay**

In addition to the short answer/multiple choice segment, you will be given several prompts to choose from to outline and compose an in-class 5-paragraph essay. The prompts will pertain in some way to themes in:

- The Wife of Bath's Tale
- The Pardoner's Tale
- The Man of Law's Tale

I suggest you review "How to Write About Theme"; on the in-class essay you may use:

- Your three SIFT worksheets
- Your book and any annotations you might have on the text