

## Canterbury Tales The General Prologue Worksheet Answers

Chaucer's Canterbury Tales The Prologue The General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales (Selected Tales from Chaucer) Cambridge University Press

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The Canterbury Tales recounts the stories told by pilgrims to one another as they make their way from London to the shrine of St. Thomas Beckett in Canterbury. This volume contains the introduction to those tales by describing the characters who are embarking upon that pilgrimage. This edition is designed to meet the particular needs of school and college students. Here, each odd-numbered page contains Chaucer's original Middle English text printed in a large font. Alongside, there is plenty of room in the wide outer margin for students to write brief notes or produce a glossary to define unfamiliar words. Immediately opposite, there are blank ruled pages for students to write their own translation or to make more detailed notes. Parents will be pleased that The General Prologue contains none of the lewdness or vulgarity to be found in some of the other Canterbury Tales. In this regard, it is ideally suited to study by Middle School aged children. This volume contains the complete and unabridged text (with line numbers) and a personal study or translation workbook - which means it offers excellent value for money. This annotated, international bibliography of twentieth-century criticism on the Prologue is an essential reference guide. It includes books, journal articles, and dissertations, and a descriptive list of twentieth-century editions; it is the most complete inventory of modern criticism on the Prologue.

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A detailed discussion of the meaning and significance of the terms used to describe the clothing of Chaucer's religious and academic pilgrims.

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