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- In the opening of the Prologue what time of year is it –describe it & what lines tell you this?
- What is an example of symbolism in the opening of the Prologue; what is the line#?
- What is the nature of the trip for the travelers ? How many people and what classes are excluded?
- Where does Chaucer meet the group of pilgrims? Who is the first pilgrim introduced?
- Quote a line in which Chaucer summarizes his opinion of the Knight? What qualities does Chaucer ascribe to chivalry—does the Knight possess any?
- What is the relationship of the Squire to the Knight? How has he done in battle? How does his description differ from the Knight?
- What are 3 places mentioned in the first 100 lines?
- _____ is the character following the Squire. What is the meaning of this kind of character (footnote).
- What details of the Prioress (Nun) indicate that she has not totally renounced the world?
- What does the Monk think about studying books, engaging in manual labor, and the typical 'rules' of his 'order'..Name 3 opinions.
- Who does the line “in all four orders there was none so mellow” describe? Why does this so aptly describe him?
- Look at lines 227-230 & 264-268. What do these lines tell about the Friar. How do the Monk, the Friar, and the Prioress compare?
- The Merchant was “expert at dabbling in exchanges”-- line _____ --, but what is his secret?

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- How does the Oxford Cleric typify the scholar? Write one of the lines to describe him _____.
- What does Chaucer imply about the Sergeant at the Law in lines 331-332? What is his strongest attribute?
- Look at the footnote for what Franklin means...what is his primary importance?
- Who are the five working-class characters? What is the title to describe this group? Which do you like best?
- What are some of the things the cook prepares? What is the only physical characteristic mentioned?
- “The nicer rules of conscience he ignored,” is reported of which traveler and why?
- Though the Doctor appears to be well-trained in current medical thought, his interests lie in one area only. What is it? Why?
- Quote two lines where the Wife of Bath's face and body are described.
- List 3 phrases & lines that depict the Parson as “a holy-minded man of good renown.”
- What is the difference between the description of the Plowman and the Parson...How are they treated differently from the other characters?
- How does the Miller trick the others (line 576-579)? List 3 descriptions of him (and line).
- Why is the Reeve (line 621) “Feared like the plague...”? Describe his job.
- How does the Summoner use his position in the Church to make money for himself? What line proves that.

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- List two details and their lines of Pardoner's physical description and his personality / attitude.
- In line 743-764, Chaucer argues he must present everything that is said regardless of offense or "else the tale he tells will be untrue." Justify his position.
- What are two things the pilgrims agree to do during their pilgrimage to Canterbury and back? Who do they make this promise to?
- What is the Host's name? Describe him? What is his function on this journey?
- This is a very long prologue. List at least two things Chaucer accomplished in writing this prologue before allowing his pilgrims to tell their stories.