

Brit. Lit.: The Monk's Tale

**Prologue**

What type of tale will the Monk tell?

What type of people will his tale deal with?

Is this appropriate for the Monk?

**Tale(s)**

Of what is he warning his listeners?

Lucifer

Adam

Samson

Dalila (Delilah)

Hercules (Heracles)

Deianira

Nessus (a centaur)

Nebuchadnezzar

Belshazzar

Zenobia  
King Peter of Spain

King Peter Of Cyprus

Bernabo Visconti of Milan

Count Ugolino of Pisa

Nero

Holofernes

Judith

King Antiochus

Alexander

Julius Caesar

Brutus Cassius (sic)

Croesus

Why does the knight cut him off?

**\*What did you learn about the Monk from his story? What is the Monk's philosophy about life and causation? What is Chaucer indicating about him through this?** (This is the tale's point; Chaucer isn't interested in the details of its stories but in its theme.)