

The Franklin's Tale (425)

How does the Franklin feel about his son?

Setting

Arveragus (the knight)

Dorigen (his wife)

Their marriage agreement (427-8)

Necessities of true love (428)

Arveragus's trip and its effect

What frightens Dorigen? (431)

Aurelius

Aurelius's and Dorigen's conversation and her offer

Aurelius's prayer

Aurelius's brother and his plan

The magician and his skill

The bargain (440)

The magician goes to work

Aurelius's appeal to Dorigen

Dorigen's choices

The examples Dorigen ponders

Arveragus's solution

What does Arveragus value most and least in love and marriage?

What changes Aurelius's mind?

Aurelius's problem (449)

The magician's reply

Who was the noblest? Why?

What do we learn about the Franklin from his tale?

Consider the views of love and marriage of the Franklin, the Wife of Bath, the Knight, the Miller, and the Reeve. What do you think Chaucer's view is?