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English 10: World Literature

Background Videos on *The Canterbury Tales*

Follow along with the videos (as found on my website www.misskirtich.com) and fill in the information accordingly.

Video #1: The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer (video by Jessica Whittemore, M.A.)

1. How many pilgrims does the reader meet in *The Canterbury Tales*? _____
2. Where are the travelers going? _____
3. Where are they starting from? _____
4. What are they doing as they travel to win the prize of a free meal? _____
5. When was the text written? _____
6. What does Renaissance mean? _____
7. What is cultural diffusion? _____
8. What is vernacular? _____
9. What 3 things does Chaucer criticize in *The Canterbury Tales*?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
10. Who is the first person who is asked to tell his tale?
11. Why does the order in which the characters tell their stories make sense in terms of social hierarchy?

Video #2: Middle English and The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer (video by Elspeth Green)

12. Who is the father of modern English, according to the video? _____
13. When was Chaucer born? _____
14. What kinds of jobs did Chaucer himself hold? _____
15. What does King Charles III award Chaucer every day for his writing? _____
16. What is the end goal of the pilgrimage? (What place are they all looking for?) _____

Video #3: The Canterbury Tales: Social Class & Status (video by Katie McClellan)

17. What is another name for social classes? _____
18. What is the first estate? _____
19. How were these people expected to behave? _____

20. What is the second estate? _____

21. What is the third estate? _____

22. What does Chaucer suggest about rearranging the order of feudal society? _____