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### Background Videos on *The Canterbury Tales*

Follow along with the videos (as found on my website [www.misskirtich.com](http://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? \_\_\_\_\_