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***Canterbury Tales* – Anticipation Webquest**

Today you are going to research background information about Geoffrey Chaucer and *The Canterbury Tales*. **Working alone or in a group of two or three**, use the links to answer the questions listed below. Each member of the group must complete a webquest packet. Please **PARAPHRASE/SUMMARIZE** your answers rather than copying information. You may use the suggested websites or a website of your own choosing.

1. Geoffrey Chaucer - <http://www.notablebiographies.com/Ch-Co/Chaucer-Geoffrey.html>

1. What kind of writer was he? _____
2. What were the years of his birth and death? _____
3. Where was he from? _____
4. What was his “masterpiece” ? _____
5. What was Chaucer’s original plan for his masterpiece?

2. What is a *pilgrimage*? - <http://www.webster.com> (or other dictionary site)

3. Define *prologue*.

4. Where is Canterbury? -- <http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/history/history.aspx> (you will need to go to the History & Conservation section and then click on “Cathedral History”).

5. What famous event happened there? (*Hint - Look to the pane on the right side of the page*)

6. What are the goals of the many people who travel there on pilgrimages?

7. When were *The Canterbury Tales* written? In what language were they written?

<http://www.librarius.com/cantales.htm>

8. What are they about?

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9. What happens in the General Prologue of *The Canterbury Tales*?

10. What is a **frame tale** (also called **frame story**, **frame narrative**)?

https://web.cn.edu/kwheeler/lit_terms_F.html

11. What were the “Three Estates” during the Middle Ages? <http://cla.calpoly.edu/~dschwart/engl430/estates.html>

***** If this link doesn't work correctly, call me over for a tip! *****

Estate = _____	How were women categorized? The _____ Estates
1st = _____	1st = _____
2nd = _____	2nd = _____
3rd = _____	3rd = _____

12. What was the Black Death? http://the-orb.net/textbooks/nelson/black_death.html

13. Read the attached Chaucer bio. According to the author, for what three reasons is *The Canterbury Tales* considered a masterpiece?
