***The Canterbury Tales*, The General Prologue**

**Lines 1 – 41**

1. According to Chaucer, in what season does the pilgrimage take place?
2. Why do you think “people long to go on pilgrimages” (line 12) at this time of year?
3. Where do the pilgrims meet before their trip?
4. How does Chaucer describe the group of pilgrims as a whole?
5. In lines 35 – 41, how does Chaucer set up the Prologue?

**Lines 767 – 856**

1. What does the Host propose to the pilgrims to help make their journey more enjoyable?
2. Explain what the contest involves.
3. What is the Host’s role on the journey?

**Your Pilgrim**

1. I am the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Pilgrim’s name). My description is in lines \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Fill in the following table for your character:

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| Character | At least three key details | What each detail emphasizes/shows |
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1. Based upon your completed table, write your interpretation of your character in at least one paragraph.
2. Write an introduction you will use to introduce YOURSELF as the character.
3. Find a summary /description of your Pilgrim’s tale. What type of story does he/she tell? Provide a basic description of the story’s plot. What is the point of the story (theme, moral)? What motivates the pilgrim to tell this story?