

Introduction to Chaucer
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1. Why is Chaucer called the “father of English literature”?
2. What languages were used in literature, science, diplomacy, and religion?
3. Under which three kings did Chaucer serve?
4. Describe his family and early education.
5. How was he involved in the Hundred Years’ War?
6. Who was Philippa?
7. What royal honors did Chaucer receive?
8. List 3 Italian writers who influenced Chaucer.
9. What is the frame device in The Decameron?
10. When did Chaucer start Canterbury Tales? Why?
11. What is the meter of the work? Why?
12. Where was Chaucer buried?
13. Where are the pilgrims in the story going?
14. How far is it? What season is it?
15. What is the name of the inn where they meet?
16. Whose idea was the storytelling?
17. What is a frame story? (p. 103)
18. Whose shrine is at Canterbury?