

The Pardoner's Tale
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1. What is a Pardoner?
2. What is the theme?
3. Define exemplum.
4. Why does the Pardoner preach? (line 2)
5. What six things does he say he desires? (line 26, 30-31)
6. What are some of the vices of the "youngsters."
7. Where were they? (line 55)
8. What task did they provide for the tavern knave?
9. What was his answer?
10. Who was the "privy thief"?
11. Who was the publican?
12. What advice do the tavern knave and publican give the youngsters about Death? How do they respond?
13. What do the drunks decide to do? What is ironic about their oath?
14. Whom did they meet on the way?
15. Describe the way they treat him.
16. What does he symbolize?
17. Where does he say Death is?
18. What did they find instead?
19. How much?
20. Why can't they take it back to town?
21. How do they decide who will go for food?
22. What betrayal of each other do they plan?
23. What metaphor is used to describe the youngster in line 272? What does this suggest?
24. How is the ending situational irony?
25. Who does the Pardoner say is most sinful in their group?