

Chaucer 2019 FINAL EXAM

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best of alle: Who won the Canterbury Tales?

Your final exam for this course is to write an essay (at least 1500 words, excluding quotations) determining the winner of the *Tales* contest. There is no right or wrong answer of course; your essay will be assessed according to its clarity, coherence, and use of textual evidence (that is, quotations from the *Canterbury Tales* supporting your assessment).

All essays must include:

1. An explanation of *who* is judging the Tales; are you writing from the point of view of:
 - a. The Host?
 - b. Chaucer (character or author)?
 - c. An imagined 14th century audience?
 - d. A 21st century audience?
 - e. Your own?
 - f. (someone else)?
2. An explanation of the *criteria* according to which the *Tales* are judged
3. A detailed assessment of your chosen *Tale* according to the above, **with clear textual support**
 - a. as well as an assessment of at least two other *Tales* which, for example, almost meet your criteria (runner-up *Tales*) or are the worst *Tales*

Your exam is due in my office or emailed **before**

Thursday, December 19, at noon