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When in April the pleasant weather comes, Pilgrims desire to start their travelling ...

29 pilgrims meet in London - Southwark

at the Tabard Inn to start their pilgrimage

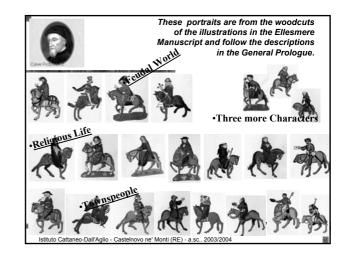


Chaucer is among them.

On the way, each traveller should tell a story

The teller of the best tale will have a free dinner at the Tabard on their return.

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Knight

He rode a fine horse but his clothes still carried the mark of war. He was going on the pilgrimage to thank God for his victories.



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Pardoner

He had long yellow hair like rats' tail with no beard. If people gave him money he forgave them in the name of the Church.

He was a liar. He earned far more money than the honest Parson.



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Nun's Priest

■ The Nun's Priest is barely mentioned in the General Prologue, where we are told

Another NONNE with hire hadde she, That was hir chapeleyne, and preestes

(There was another nun with the Prioress; she was her secretary; there were also three priests.)



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She wore a huge hat and a long coat over her wide hips. Her tights were red and her shoes were new. She had had five husbands: she had lived longer than them all; she had also become rich

enough to go on pilgrimages, to Jerusalem. Spain, France, Rome ...



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Merchant

He was rich. He had a long beard and rich clothes.
He knew how to make money and rode a fat horse.



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Franklin (Land-Owner)

He had a white beard.
 He loved good food and wine.



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