

Core E – Rhetoric I | *The Canterbury Tales – General Prologue* Writing Assignment

Directions: Choose one of the following prompts and write a 2-3 paragraph response. Each paragraph should have a strong, persuasive topic sentence and at least 2 properly integrated quotes.

Prompt #1 – Choose one character from *The General Prologue* and explain Chaucer's attitude toward him/her. You should include textual evidence that supports your view including character description (manner of dress, behavior, speech, etc.) and Chaucer's use of irony and satire.

Prompt #2 – Chaucer satirizes many of the religious characters as he introduces them in *The General Prologue*. Choose one religious character that he critiques and one he seems to respect and compare/contrast Chaucer's portrayal of each. Why does he praise one and critique the other?

- ✓ Length: 2-3 well-developed paragraphs.
- ✓ Use MLA formatting (typed, double spaced, 1-inch margins, size 12 Times New Roman font, etc.).