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[The Canterbury Tales: General Prologue By Geoffrey Chaucer](#) About this Poet Geoffrey Chaucer was born between the years 1340-1345, the son of John and Agnes (de Copton) Chaucer. Chaucer was descended from two generations of wealthy vintners who had everything but a title and in 1357 Chaucer began pursuing a position at court.

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The narrator opens the General Prologue with a description of the return of spring. He describes the April rains, the burgeoning flowers and leaves, and the chirping birds. Around this time of year, the narrator says, people begin to feel the desire to go on a pilgrimage.

[The Canterbury Tales: General Prologue: Introduction...](#)

The General Prologue opens with a description of April showers and the return of spring. " Whan that Aprill with his shoures soote / The droghte of March hath perced to the roote, " he begins, and writes about the burgeoning flowers and singing birds. The sun has gone through the second half of the zodiacal sign Aires, the " Ram. "

[The Canterbury Tales The General Prologue Summary...](#)

The "General Prologue" is the name given to the introductory text which opens The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer. In common with most of the rest of the work, it is written in verse. The "General Prologue" sets up the framing device which allows for the telling of several different short stories of various different types.

[General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales - Literature Wiki](#)

The General Prologue The General Prologue is the Narrator ' s introduction to the stories contained within The Canterbury Tales. He opens by setting the scene for the tales. He describes it as being April, and characterizes it with rain showers that are bringing an end to the dryness of winter.

[The Canterbury Tales - The General Prologue](#)

A genuine journey may thus underlie the most famous fictional pilgrimage in English literature, the one recounted in The Canterbury Tales. The " General Prologue " sets the scene for this jaunt. The...

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The Canterbury Tales Summary and Analysis of General Prologue "When April comes with his sweet, fragrant showers, which pierce the dry ground of March, and bathe every root of every plant in sweet liquid, then people desire to go on pilgrimages." Thus begins the famous opening to The Canterbury Tales.

[The Canterbury Tales General Prologue Summary and Analysis...](#)

The General Prologue - The Merchant. There was a merchant with forked beard, and girt. In motley gown, and high on horse he sat, Upon his head a Flemish beaver hat; His boots were fastened rather elegantly. His spoke his notions out right pompously, (5) Stressing the times when he had won, not lost. He would the sea were held at any cost.

[The Canterbury Tales Full Text - The General Prologue...](#)

The frame story of the poem, as set out in the 858 lines of Middle English which make up the General Prologue, is of a religious pilgrimage. The narrator, Geoffrey Chaucer, is in The Tabard Inn in Southwark , where he meets a group of "sundry folk" who are all on the way to Canterbury, the site of the shrine of Saint Thomas Becket , a martyr reputed to have the power of healing the sinful.

[General Prologue - Wikipedia](#)

"You go to Canterbury -- God give you success, 770 The blisful martir quite yow youre meede! May the blessed martyr give you your reward! 771 And wel I woot, as ye goon by the weye, And well I know, as you go by the way, 772 Ye shapen yow to talen and to pleye; You intend to tell tales and to amuse yourselves;

[Chaucer: The General Prologue - An Interlinear Translation](#)

Summary of General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer People from throughout England set out on a pilgrimage in April every year to Canterbury. They first join in at the Tabard Inn to organize for the pilgrimage. This year Chaucer himself is the part of this pilgrimage.

[Summary of the General Prologue to Canterbury Tales...](#)

To Canterbury, full of devout homage, There came at nightfall to that hostelry . Some nine and twenty in a company . Of sundry persons who had chanced to fall . In fellowship, and pilgrims were they all . That toward Canterbury town would ride. The rooms and stables spacious were and wide, And well we there were eased, and of the best.

[The General Prologue - Translation](#)

Prologue to the Canterbury Tales. Here biginneth the Book of the Tales of Caunterbury. Whan that Aprille with his shoures sote. The droghte of Marche hath perced to the rote, And bathed every veyne in swich licour, Of which vertu engendred is the flour; Whan Zephirus eek with his swete breeth.

[Geoffrey Chaucer - Prologue to the Canterbury Tales lyrics...](#)

Quotes General Prologue: Introduction Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages, And palmeres for to seken straunge strondes, To ferne halwes, kowthe in sondry longes; And specially from every shires ends Of Engeland to Caunterbury they wende, The hooly blissful martir for to seke, That hem hath holpen whan that they were seeke.

[The Canterbury Tales Quotes: General Prologue...](#)

In the general prologue Chaucer introduces the pilgrims and set the scenario for "The Canterbury Tales". It is a delightful start. Chaucer already showcases his narrative method of projecting multiply layered viewpoints through the voices of the characters and himself, achieving the satirical wittiness for which he is famous for.

[The General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales \(Cambridge...](#)

Canterbury Tales General Prologue read by Diane Jones in Middle English. Background music excerpt: Sellengers Round from Under the Greenwood Tree by Estampie...

[Canterbury Tales General Prologue - YouTube](#)

Performing the General Prologue (LG) It was my pleasure to have contributed to the CantApp as an extension of the performance work Dr. Robinson and I did for my MA in 2015. The act of performing the Canterbury Tales is hardly new. Generations of scholars have happily picked up the words of Chaucer and spoken them aloud to the delight of others.

[CantApp: General Prologue](#)

What is The Canterbury Tales: General Prologue & Frame Story About and Why Should I Care? You know those movies where a new kid moves to town and has to go to a new high school, like Mean Girls ? On his first day of school, the new kid meets a friendly nerd who takes him to the cafeteria and introduces him to all the cliques that make up his new social existence: "And here we have the jocks.