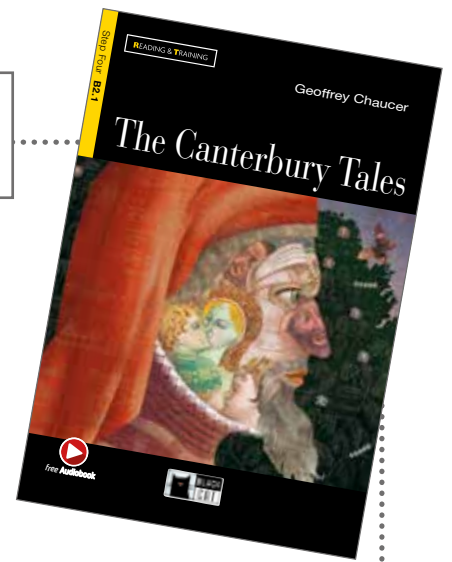


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LESSON PLAN 4/6



THE CANTERBURY TALES

Worksheet – Part 1 and Part 2

PART 1

Read the extract and then do the activities below.

All kinds of people rode on the pilgrimage. There was rich Merchant with a long beard and rich clothes. He knew how to make money and rode a fat horse. But next to him, the Oxford Cleric¹ rode a thin horse. He preferred to have books by great philosophers next to his bed, not bags of money. A Franklin² with a white beard rode with them, a man who loved good food and wine.

After them, there was a Cook who knew how to cook delicious meals with herbs and spices.³ Then there was a brown-faced Sea-Captain who looked like a pirate. He had fought battles at sea and made his prisoners walk the plank.⁴ Then there was a Doctor who knew everything about the body. His patients paid him with gold. The plague had made him very rich indeed!

Look at the next pilgrim! She was a large red-faced woman from the city of Bath. She wore a huge hat and a long coat over her wide hips.⁵ Her tights⁶ were red and her shoes were new. Her face was as red as her clothes. How many husbands do you think she had been married to? Five! She had lived longer than them all. That is how she became rich enough to go on pilgrimages, to Jerusalem, to Spain, to France, to Rome.

(from Part 1, The Prologue)

1 **cleric** : religious scholar.

2 **Franklin** : land-owner

3 **herbs and spices** : natural substances to add flavour to food.

4 **plank** : a long piece of wood. Pirates made their enemies walk off the ship and fall into the sea.

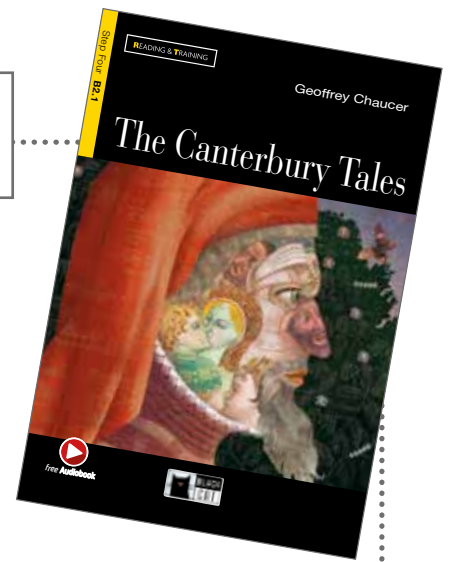
5 **hips** : the widest part of the body.

6 **tights** : covering for the legs.



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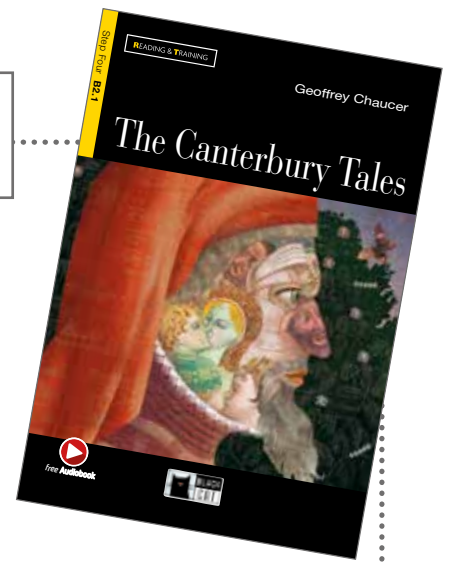
1. Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1. The Oxford Cleric liked reading books by great philosophers. T F
2. The Cook was a thin man and he rode a thin horse. T F
3. The Sea Captain had a brown face and was cruel to his prisoners. T F
4. The plague had brought the Doctor a lot of patients and gold. T F
5. The Wife of Bath had a red face, but her tights and clothes were black. T F
6. The Wife of Bath had married five different men and they all died. T F
7. This was the first pilgrimage for the Wife of Bath. T F



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LESSON PLAN 6/6



PART 2

THEME : It's a Small World for Travellers

People have been travelling short and long distances for millions of years! It's a human instinct to move around, to be curious about what's on the other side of the hill, the mountain, the river... or the ocean. Travelling is perhaps one of our most enriching activities. It enables us to actually see and touch things and places that we have only dreamed or read about. And, most important, it enables us to meet other people—people who are different from us.

There are many reasons why people travel. In *The Canterbury Tales* the reason is a religious pilgrimage to the shrine of a saint. When young people think of travelling it's usually to a holiday or vacation spot. Others travel to visit splendid cities with their works of art. Some nature lovers travel long distances to experience the magic of a national park, where Nature is queen.

Travelling was not always a choice — for the explorers of long ago, it was a job — a profession. Those men were usually sent by their governments to discover and explore new lands. Today many individuals travel because business and commerce are often done face to face, not only via computer! And still others travel because they are emigrants who leave their native land to seek a better life elsewhere. Among these people are refugees from war zones.

Work in small groups and answer these questions. Then compare your work with the class.

1. Do you like travelling and why?
2. What are your favorite places to travel to and why?
3. Travelling by air, by land or by sea create a *big carbon footprint*! Most means of transport use fossil fuel. Which means of transport do you use?
4. Which means of transport will be the least polluting in the future?

