



KS3 Activities

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Welcome. . .

Join our costumed characters on a **journey of discovery** as you explore the sights, sounds and smells in this fabulous recreation of **medieval life!**

Your pilgrimage from London to Canterbury places you in the middle of a **story-telling contest** as five of **Geoffrey Chaucer's tales** of love, romance, jealousy and trickery are brought vividly to life. With a combination of live guiding from our **characters** and the aid of an **audio guide** in six foreign language translations, you will be completely **immersed** in Chaucer's tales.

Please listen to the instructions of our guides and avoid making too much noise inside as it will distract other visitors. Please do also visit our website for additional information.

Whilst you wait, why not take a selfie with our Wife of Bath figure? Post it on our Facebook page or Twitter! #wifeyselfie

Activities

We hope you enjoy your visit to us today.

On the following pages are some activities for you to try and complete before and after your visit.

Whilst you are in the attraction listen very carefully to your guide and look around, as you take part in your pilgrimage, as there are clues which will help you to answer the questions. The activities are designed to help

you learn about Chaucer and his Canterbury Tales, but also about the city, to which pilgrims have been coming for so hundreds of years.

Geoffrey Chaucer was a poet, a diplomat and a courtier. He lived from 1343 to 1400 and is buried at Westminster Abbey, in 'Poet's Corner'. During this period in history, Canterbury was a destination for many pilgrims from all over the world. You are a modern day pilgrim!

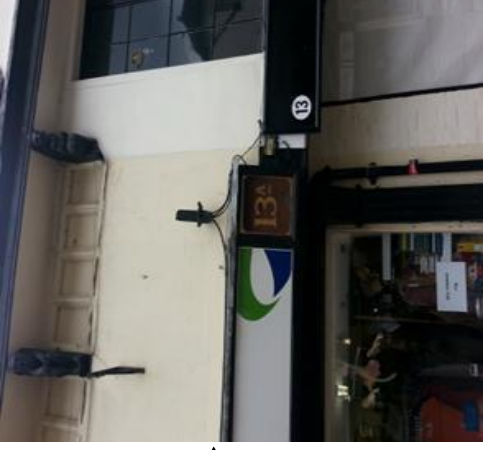
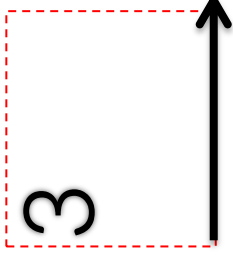
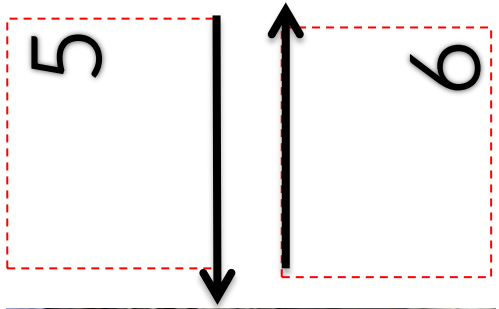
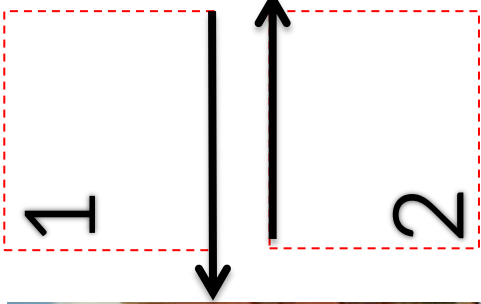
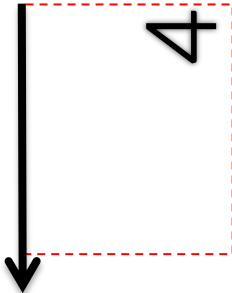
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Group Leader _____

Mapping Canterbury

Find these key venues in Canterbury and label them with their name and any other information you can find out about them. Next, mark their locations on the map overleaf.



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Mapping Canterbury



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Timeline Quiz

Read each scroll first and answer questions. Next, number them to put them in date order.

Norman Conquest - 1066

Becket murdered in Canterbury Cathedral - 1170

Pilgrimages to Canterbury begin when he is made a saint.

Chaucer born 1343, wrote Canterbury Tales 1387 and died 1400 a favourite of the Crown.

He was buried in a particular corner of Westminster Abbey. What is this corner called?

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The Westgate Tower, built around 1380, is the largest surviving city gate in England. What else was it used for?

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Anglo Saxons took over as Roman Empire fell. AD 600 Cantuarabyrig was established as capital of the kingdom of Kent. St Augustine founded the abbey and monastery of Christ Church soon after arriving in 597.

1500's and 1600's Reformation and Dissolution of the Monasteries.

French Huguenots and other Protestants from the Low Countries seek refuge in Canterbury, bringing their skills as weavers, workers of luxury goods, brick-making and more.

The Cantuarii, a Celtic tribe, lived here and left evidence of pottery, ironworks and keeping cattle behind.

Romans invaded and started to settle AD 43.

Durovernum Cantiacorum established AD 70. Buildings erected in stone including walls, gates, temples, amphitheatre, etc.

Eastbridge Hospital, founded in 1190, was a place for pilgrims to stay. What is the name of another inn where Chaucer's pilgrims might have stayed?

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The Tales

The Knight's Tale

In this tale, set in Ancient Greece, two cousins are taken prisoner by a Duke. From the window of their prison tower, they both spot and fall in love with the beautiful Emily, who picks flowers in the garden. They are made enemies by their mutual love. The first is finally released and banished, but returns in disguise so that he can be near Emily. The second managed to escapes from prison. The cousins meet in the woods and fight. The Duke, on hearing this, tells them to compete for Emily's hand in a tournament. They do, but as the winner takes his victory, he is struck down by the Gods. On his deathbed, he implores Emily to love his cousin.



Over to you...

What would you have done to decide who was to marry Emily?

The Miller's Tale

John, an old carpenter, is married to the young and pretty Alison. Their lodger, Nicholas, is a scholar who has fallen in love with Alison. Absalom, a local clerk, also loves Alison. Both of them seek to be alone with the carpenter's pretty wife, but Alison favours Nicholas, and so the pair plan to fool John into believing a flood is coming. John is tricked into building barrels for them to float away in, and while he sleeps, exhausted by his effort, Alison and Nicholas are in bed. Absalom serenades Alison from outside the window and asks for a kiss. She sticks her bottom for him to kiss! Absalom asks again and Nicholas puts out his bottom but rather than kiss it, Absalom pokes it with a red hot iron. Ouch!



Over to you... How many barrels must John make?

The Wife of Bath's Tale

A knight's life will be spared if he can answer the riddle 'What is it that a woman most desires?' He travels the land, asking every woman he meets, but no two give him the same answer! His time is almost up when he comes across an ugly, poor old lady who says she has the answer if he will grant her one favour. He agrees and takes her back to Camelot to answer the Queen's riddle.



Over to you... What is the answer to the riddle?

The Nun's Priest's Tale



Chantecleer, a fine cockerel, has a large scarlet comb-crest, glossy tail feathers and a magnificent voice. One day, Chantecleer has a dream that he is attacked by a strange beast which is like a dog. Soon after, a sly fox persuades Chantecleer to close his eyes and sing for him, taking to opportunity to bite him by the neck and carry him away. Chantecleer turns the tables by convincing the fox to boast, thus releasing his grip so Chantecleer can escape out of reach. The fox tries to persuade him down again. 'Oh no!' says Chantecleer, 'I'll not fall for flattery again'.

Over to you... How many pigs live with Chantecleer?

The Pardoner's Tale

Three brothers, drunk on ale, observe the number of people taken by Death and decide to take revenge by pursuing and killing him. They ask an old man how to find Death, and he tells them to look under a certain tree. They find the tree, and along with it a hoard of golden coins! Forgetting Death, they plan to steal away with the treasure come nightfall. The youngest is sent off for food and drink while they wait. The older two brothers, in greed, agree to kill the youngest for his share of the gold. On his return, they murder him and drink the wine he has brought, not knowing that the younger brother has poisoned it in a similar plot. They all find Death.



Over to you... What kills the three brothers?

Oh Happy Band of Pilgrims!

Chaucer describes a lot of different characters in his stories. Thinking about the 5 tales you find out about in the attraction, what order do you think the storytellers come in the social class and why?

The Knight _____

The Miller _____

The Wife of Bath _____

The Nun's Priest _____

The Pardoner _____

What else can we learn?

The excerpt from one of the tales is written in the language Chaucer would have used:

*“This litel child, his litel book lernynge
As he sat in his schole at his prymer...
And herkened ay the wordes and the noote
Til he the first vers koude al by rote”*

Translate it into modern English:

Then and Now

Thinking about your experience inside the attraction, and remembering the Tabard Inn, the stables and the medieval streets with the rats, the danger of being soaked in dirty water, the smell and fleas, what do you rate as the worst part about living in a medieval city? :

Has this changed in modern times? How?

Who will rid me of this troublesome quiz?

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Instructions: Find the answers to these questions and then search for them in the 'word-search' above and cross them off as you go. **Good luck!**

Where did the pilgrims start their journey?

What was the name of the Inn Keeper?

What would each traveller be known as?

Who tells the third tale?

Who tells us about Chantecler? _____

Who talks about a carpenter and his wife, Alison? _____

Who wrote the Canterbury Tales?

What city are the pilgrims heading to?

Who sells pardons for sins?

What is the man who tells the first tale?

What is the last name of Saint Thomas of Canterbury? _____

Where was he buried?
