

Mid-term Exam
Survey of English Literature

1. The Middle English period began in _____. (2)
a. 1042 b. 878 c. 1016 d. 787 e. 1066

2. Match 4 pilgrims to their tales. (8)

Wife of Bath	Greedy brothers
Clerk (Student)	Sir Topaz
Pardoner	Sermon on deadly sins
Chaucer	Patient Griselda
Plowman	Knight on Trial for rape

Essay Section (90)

Please answer each question on a separate sheet of paper. Your answers should be fully developed, cite specific examples, and have a thesis.

1. Compare the structure of “The Knight’s Tale” to either that of *Beowulf* or *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. How does the structure of each work help develop one of its themes? (45)

2. Compare and contrast the role of women in “Lai of Lanval” and “The Wife of Bath’s Tale.” Are there indications that one tale was written by a man and the other by a woman? (45)