

English 1413.C1
Assignment #2
Due: Nov. 1

Research Paper on Chaucer's "Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale"

For this assignment you are required to find and read any two of the articles cited below, and bring them into your own written discussion of the "Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale."

1. Start by re-reading the "Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale," then find all four of the articles cited below.
2. Skim through the articles, and decide which two you find most interesting.
3. Download a pdf copy of each of those two, and read them thoroughly.
4. Re-read them, taking notes as you go.
 - a. Look for points of intersection between the two articles.
 - b. Keep your copy of Chaucer close by as you read the articles, and refer to it (i.e. re-read the relevant lines) as need be.
 - c. Decide what you agree with or disagree with in each article, and start composing your own paper by engaging with these two articles along these lines (i.e. what you agree with in both, what you disagree with in both, what you agree with in one or the other, what you disagree with in one or the other).
 - d. Bring text from the prologue and / or the tale into your paper in ways that reinforce the position you are endorsing or challenging in each of the articles.
 - e. Bring text from each of the articles into your paper to help your reader understand precisely the points with which you agree or disagree.
 - f. Shape your paper into an argument in which you use the articles to endorse your own position on "The Wife of Bath's Prologue," "Tale," or both "Prologue and Tale."

You will be graded on:

1. Evidence that you have in fact read the two articles you use and "The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale"; 20%
2. The effectiveness of your use of quotations from the primary and the two secondary texts; 20%
3. The correctness of your use of quotations from the primary and the two secondary texts; 5%
4. Your attention to detail in your own work (i.e. the marker's comment "proofread" should not appear on the paper when it is returned to you after grading); 10%

5. The quality of your writing, including grammar, punctuation, style, consistency of voice, flow, etc.; 25%
6. The presence of a clearly identifiable thesis statement; 5%
7. The relevance of each paragraph to that thesis statement, and; 10%
8. The completeness of your paper (informative title, page numbers, bibliography). 5%

Nb. Remember to follow the instructions given in class the day the first assignments were returned.

The articles are all to be found in *The Chaucer Review*. You will be expected to provide the information missing from the citations below in your own list of works at the end of your paper.

Levy, Bernard S. "The Wife of Bath's Queynte Fantasye."

Oberembt, Kenneth J. "Chaucer's Anti-Misogynist Wife of Bath."

Parker, David. "Can We Trust the Wife of Bath?"

Shapiro, Gloria K. "Dame Alice as Deceptive Narrator."