

Chaucer Discussion Questions and Study Guide

Miller's Tale

- 1) In what lines or descriptions do you realize that the characters in the M.T. are undercutting the Knight's Tale? For John? Nicholas? Alisoun?
- 2) What's significant about the description of Absolon?
- 3) How does Nicholas play a trick on John?
- 4) What's the implication of Alisoun being the only character unscathed by the end of the tale?

Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale

- 1) What lines in the prologue reveal the W.O.B.'s motivation and philosophy?
- 2) Find the biblical references? How do these play a part in revealing her character?
- 3) Who are her 5 husbands? What's significant about the way she describes each? Do these descriptions reveal anything about her?
- 4) The Tale is clearly the WOB's. Why?