

AP English Notes
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The Monk:

This monk is an “abbot able, a manly man,” who loves to ride his horses to the hounds on the hunt for prey. He rides a brown palfrey with bells jingling; his is bald, with a greasy, shining face. He loves to eat a whole roast swan. He does not keep his vows as listed below.

The Monk vows to

Offer prayers

Practice poverty

Celibacy or Chastity

Silence or Not to call attention to himself

Obedience to the Word and church officials

Welfare of others

Servant to the poor

Fasting

Not allowed to hunt

Close relationship with God’s creatures of the earth (not murdering them for sport)

Only fish on Friday

He also has a lovers knot pin holding his cloak together.

We looked at the three types of love that the Prioress and the Monk may have suggested in their jewelry.

Love categories:

Eros = Physical Love (Love between a couple)

Philia = Brotherly Love

Agape = Transcending Love (Sacrificial love, as seen in the Christ figure in Judeo-Christian Literature)

We will begin the study of the Friar tomorrow.

Friar comes from a Latin word *Frater* meaning brother. The Friar is not bound to a monastery but is allowed to “beg in an area.” This friar probably lies when he says that he can hear “shrift” or confession.

For tomorrow, you should know the following concerning the Friar: What is a limiter? What are the four orders?

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