

# Chaucer Canterbury Pilgrim

## Moral Thermometer

Directions: Consider all of the pilgrims described in the Prologue. Based on the stated details as well as that which may be inferred about their character, consider their overall moral “temperature.” Choose the one you feel is the most benevolent, loving, and good. Place that character’s name on the Far Left line of the scale. Choose the character which you believe is the most harmful and evil. Place that character’s name on the Far Right. Begin the process of placing all other characters in between these two so you will eventually have a moral ranking. If the person directly in the middle has a normal temperature of 98.6 degrees, what would be the temperature of the character on the Far Right be? Organize your choices so you have all characters on the scale and estimate their moral “temperature” in terms of degrees. Be ready to justify your choices with details from the text. You may want to use a different piece of paper in order to have enough room to write the names and the temperatures.