

THE CANTERBURY TALES VOCABULARY SECRET MESSAGE DECODER

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secondary

The Canterbury Tales Vocab Secret Message Decoder

Instructions: Fill in the decoder key based on your answers to each question. Then, use the key to reveal the secret message!

Decoder Key

1 =	2 =	3 =
4 =	5 =	6 =
7 =	8 =	9 =
10 =	11 =	12 =

Secret Message

How do you communicate with a fish?

2 11 4 1 8 11 7 5 12
3 10 5 9 6

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1. a serious military attack	2. being covered or clothed	3. unrestrained, thoughtless
palfrey	siege	visage
clad	shriven	cloister
wanton	pompously	amiable
Z	D	G
Y	B	C
A	X	K
4. part of a monastery; a secluded place	5. a model of excellence or perfection	6. forgiven of sins
paragon	blithe	cloister
pilgrimage	paragon	visage
shriven	palfrey	siege
R	M	U
N	I	O
E	F	J
7. a saddle horse	8. carefree, cheerful	9. a journey, usually to a sacred or special place
cloister	palfrey	shriven
blithe	clad	paragon
palfrey	pilgrimage	pompously
Q	P	H
R	V	D
W	N	A
10. arrogantly, with self-importance	11. friendly,	12. famous

Review 12 key vocabulary words! Engage secondary students with a fun & unique secret message decoder worksheet.

WHY WILL YOU (AND YOUR STUDENTS) FALL IN LOVE WITH THIS RESOURCE?

- ✓ No-prep
- ✓ Engaging review format
- ✓ Covers key concepts
- ✓ Easy to grade

Answer key included!

Name: _____ Date: _____

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1. a serious military attack	2. being covered or clothed	3. unrestrained thoughts
palfrey	siege	visage
clad	shriven	cloister
wanton	pompous	
Z	D	G
Y	B	C
A	X	
4. part of a monastery; a secluded place	5. a model of excellence or perfection	6. forgiven or pardoned
paragon	blithe	cloister
pilgrimage	paragon	visage
shriven	palfrey	
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7. a saddle horse	8. carefree, cheerful	9. a journey, usually to a sacred place
cloister	palfrey	shriven
blithe	clad	paragon
palfrey	pilgrimage	
Q	P	H
R	V	D
W	N	
10. arrogantly, with self-importance	11. friendly, sociable	12. face or appearance
amiable	shriven	pompously
amiable	wanton	blithe
paragon	siege	
G	J	L
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