

# A Summary

English

Lesson 12 of 'The Canterbury Tales' : The Knight's Tale

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## Copy out and complete the sentences below by filling in the gaps

- 1) The Canterbury Tales is written during the M\_\_\_\_\_ period.
- 2) 'The Knight's Tale' is a tale of c\_\_\_\_\_ and c\_\_\_\_\_ love.
- 3) The code of chivalry places r\_\_\_\_\_, g\_\_\_\_\_ and honouring w\_\_\_\_\_ above all else.



# Which of the following best describes courtly love?

## Option 1

A love in literature that is overwhelming.

## Option 3

A love in literature that involves chivalry.

## Option 2

A love in literature that is set in the medieval period.

## Option 4

A love in literature that involves suffering and drama.



## True or false

- a) In Thebes, Arcita suffered so much, that his appearance physically changed.
- b) Palamon is upset that Arcita didn't return to rescue him.
- c) Palamon is upset that Arcita wasted an opportunity that he would have taken.
- d) Palamon and Arcita don't want to fight.



# True or false

- a) Palamon wins the tournament but is injured.
- b) Arcita wins the tournament but is injured.
- c) The Knight is mortally wounded when he is thrown from his horse.
- d) The Knight is mortally wounded during combat.



# What does Arcita ask Emily on his deathbed?

## Option 1

Arcita asks Emily to consider marrying Palamon.

## Option 3

Arcita asks Emily to live as a widow forever.

## Option 2

Arcita asks Emily to never marry again.

## Option 4

Arcita asks Emily to banish Palamon from Athens.



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- 1) Mars granted Arcita's p\_\_\_\_\_ by granting him v\_\_\_\_\_ in the t\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Venus granted P\_\_\_\_\_ 's prayer by having him m\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_ after A\_\_\_\_\_ 's death.
- 3) D\_\_\_\_\_ partly granted E\_\_\_\_\_ 's prayer by having A\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_ repair their f\_\_\_\_\_.



## Copy out and complete the sentences below by filling in the gaps

- 1) C\_\_\_\_\_ love cause P\_\_\_\_\_ physical p\_\_\_\_ when he first sees Emily.
- 2) Courtly love causes A\_\_\_\_\_ to break his sworn oath of I\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Courtly I\_\_\_\_ causes Arcita's physical a\_\_\_\_\_ to change due to his s\_\_\_\_\_.





## **Building a paragraph part III... your turn**

How is courtly love presented in The Knight's Tale?

Use the following sentence starters, on the next slide to build your paragraph.

Don't forget to use a quotation from your earlier notes to back up your point.



**Make a point - In 'The Knight's Tale', courtly love is presented as a strong emotion that can cause so much suffering, it can physically alter the appearance of the lover.**

**Provide evidence - We can see this when Arcita is banished to Thebes, Chaucer writes .... (add a quotation here, from your learning that backs up the point you've made above)**

**Explain the quotation - This shows that ... explain here what the quotation that you have just used shows about Arcita's change of appearance as a result of courtly love.**



# Challenge...

Try to answer the following question as part of your review work on this lesson.

In your opinion which example of courtly love shows the power of love most?

In your answer you should consider:

- What examples we see of courtly love.
- Which example shows the strongest effect of courtly love.

