

ROADS TO CANTERBURY

Study Guide Questions

1. Who was the author of The Canterbury Tales?
2. Name the fifty-mile street that was a route from London to Canterbury.
3. Name the Archbishop of Canterbury whose shrine the pilgrims of The Canterbury Tales were visiting.
4. Why did the town of Sittingbourne become so famous in the Fifteenth Century?
5. What natural landmark greeted those who traveled by ship to Dover and to other ports of southeastern England?
6. What did one pilgrim consider to be the "strongest fortress of Christendom"?
7. What did the town of Glastonbury offer that pilgrims from southwestern England came to visit?
8. Name the plain on which Stonehenge is located.
9. Who was Saint Swithin?
10. Describe various routes that pilgrims took and name methods of travel practiced by the pilgrims as they traveled from Winchester to Canterbury.
11. Who did the pilgrims believe haunted the "Silent Pools"?
12. Identify the importance of Saint Edith.
13. _____ [Surrey, Chilham, or Aylesford] is an inn-filled community where pilgrims spent their last night en route to Canterbury.
14. Why was Canterbury Castle originally erected?
15. Why were stained glass windows important in the chapels of medieval England?

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Answers

1. Who was the author of The Canterbury Tales?

Geoffrey Chaucer

2. Name the fifty-mile street that was a route from London to Canterbury.

Watling Street

3. Name the Archbishop of Canterbury whose shrine the pilgrims of The Canterbury Tales were visiting.

Saint Thomas a Becket

4. Why did the town of Sittingbourne become so famous in the Fifteenth Century?

King Henry V visited the inn there.

5. What natural landmark greeted those who traveled by ship to Dover and to other ports of southeastern England?

the white cliffs

6. What did one pilgrim consider to be the “strongest fortress of Christendom”?

Dover Castle

7. What did the town of Glastonbury offer that pilgrims from southwestern England came to visit?

the Benedictine Abbey

8. Name the plain on which Stonehenge is located.

Salisbury Plain

9. Who was Saint Swithin?

bishop, Alfred the Great's tutor

10. Describe various routes that pilgrims took and name methods of travel practiced by the pilgrims as they traveled from Winchester to Canterbury.

description

11. Who did the pilgrims believe haunted the "Silent Pools"?

a Saxon maiden

12. Identify the importance of Saint Edith.

She brought bountiful harvests.

13. _____ [Surrey, Chilham, or Aylesford] is an inn-filled community where pilgrims spent their last night en route to Canterbury.

Chilham

14. Why was Canterbury Castle originally erected?

to guard the town

15. Why were stained glass windows important in the chapels of medieval England?

Bible scenes depicted in them taught illiterate believers.