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- Nun’s Priest’s Tale. PR1868 N69
- Pardoner’s Tale. PR1868 P3 G35
- Prioress’s Tale. PR1868 P55
- Reeve’s Tale. PR1868 R44
- Shipman’s Tale. PR1868 S55
- Wife of Bath’s Prologue and Tale. PR1868 W6

[As part of your final examination, you will be required to recite as well as transcribe the first eighteen lines of the Prologue to the *Canterbury Tales* in Middle English.]

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This class, along with most English classes this semester, is a *four-credit enhanced course*, rather than a traditional three-credit course. Different English classes will be enhanced in different ways; in this class students will be required to do more, and more in-depth, reading, and more writing than they would be required to do in a comparable three-credit course. This extra work will require approximately three hours per week outside of class. (This is in addition to six hours of outside of class work per week that students are expected to do in a three-credit class.) These additional requirements will be demanding, but the English Department is making these changes because we believe that our students will receive a better English education by taking fewer classes and focusing more on each class.

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(excerpt: 75-315; 836-957) & Retraction (p.328)  
[Rudd II.f.xxv-xxvi]

***THANKSGIVING BREAK***

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[Rudd II.b.v & II.e.i-ii]  
R  Student Presentations:  
Cleopatra, Thisbe, & Philomela

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ESSAY III

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Merchant’s Tale.  PR1868 M42 B8

Miller’s Tale.  PR 1868 M59

Nun’s Priest’s Tale.  PR1868 N69

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Pardoner’s Tale. PR1868 P3 G35
Priess’s Tale. PR1868 P55
Reeve’s Tale. PR1868 R44
Shipman’s Tale. PR1868 S55
Wife of Bath’s Prologue and Tale. PR1868 W6

[As part of your final examination, you will be required to recite as well as transcribe the first eighteen lines of the Prologue to the *Canterbury Tales* in Middle English.]