***The* *Canterbury Tales* Vocabulary List 1**

1. **chivalry (n):** considerate and courteous behavior, especially shown by a man toward a woman

2. **adversary (n):** an opponent in a conflict, contest, or debate

3. **privy (adj):** done or spoken secretly or privately; sharing knowledge or something secret or private

4. **wary (adj):** cautious and alert for problems; showing watchfulness or suspicion

5. **grisly (adj):** gruesomely unpleasant, or creating a sense of horror

6. **pallor (n):** an unhealthy-looking paleness of complexion

7. **prate (v):** to talk in a silly way and at length about nothing important

8. **prudent (adj):** having good sense in dealing with practical matters; using good judgment to consider likely consequences and act accordingly

9. **miscreant (n):** somebody who behaves in a dishonest, malicious, or contemptible way

10. **perdition (n):** punishment in hell, or hell itself as a location