Pardoner’s Tale

1. What is a Cautionary Tale? What is its purpose?
2. What do we learn about the Pardoner’s character from his tale?
3. Which themes are presented in the Pardoner’s tale and how are they developed? Be specific (cite textual evidence).
4. How does the tale help us learn about 14th century England?
5. Consider Chaucer’s perspective as both a character in his work (pilgrim) and as the author of his work.