

from The Pardoner's Tale (page 141)
from The Canterbury Tales

Recall the events in "The Pardoner's Tale." Then answer each question in phrases or sentences.

1. What does the Pardoner mean when he says, "And thus I preach against the very vice I make my living out of—avarice"?

2. At the beginning of the Pardoner's story, what terrible news do the three rioters hear at the tavern?

3. After leaving the tavern, the rioters meet an "old, old fellow." What information does the old man give them, and what happens when they do as he says?

4. While the youngest rioter goes back to town for food and wine, what do the other two plan? What does the youngest rioter plan?

5. Do the rioters' schemes succeed? Explain.

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A **moral tale** teaches a lesson about right and wrong. The moral of "The Pardoner's Tale" is that the love of money is the root of all evil. Work with a partner to analyze who is greedy in the tale and what evil occurs as a result. In the chart below, note how the events of the plot, the motivations of the characters, and the details of the setting reflect the tale's lesson.

The love of money is the root of all evil.

Plot	Characters	Setting