

English 416

Assignment

Due in class.

Translation #2



GEOFFREY CHAUCER

We've examined some of Chaucer's similes and metaphors. Some are straightforward. Others allow for greater ambiguity. Explain the main term of a significant metaphor in *The Knight's Tale*.

- 1) Describe in painstaking detail the metaphor and its larger significance (i.e., how it contributes to a character portrait, a theme, a relevant motif, and so forth).
- 2) Ensure that you have established the definitions of the terms using *The Middle English Dictionary*.

500 words or two pages.

NOTE: Ensure your figure is indeed a metaphor (not metonymy or meiosis or so forth. See Silva Rhetoricae at <http://humanities.byu.edu/rhetoric/Silva.htm>).