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DATE: _____ the. _____

DISCUSSION ON "THE KNIGHT'S TALE"

Circle your assigned SMALL GROUP LETTER: A B C D E F

First, go round robin and have each group member share likes and dislikes about "The Knight's Tale." Jot some of those ideas down here:

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asides

LIKES

DISLIKES

Next, depending on your small groups, do the questions below in this order:

Group A --discuss 1-2-3-4-5-6

Group C --discuss 1-4-5-2-3-6

Group F

Group B --discuss 1-3-4-5-2-6

Group D and Group E - -

discuss 1-6-4-5-2-3

discuss 1-5-2-3-4-6

THE GROUP RECORDER SHOULD CONTINUE TO WRITE DOWN SOME NOTES ON EACH QUESTION BASED ON YOUR DISCUSSION.

- The genre of "The Knight's Tale" is "medieval romance." Thinking about the events of the story, many of which are typical of medieval romances, predict 5 characteristics of typical medieval romances. Then, jot down an example of each from the actual "Knight's Tale."

CHARACTERISTICS

"Knight's Tale" EXAMPLES

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- Discuss the role of the specific gods in this story as well as their importance in developing plot as well as theme.

MARS (ARES)

VENUS (APHRODITE)

DIANA (ARTEMIS)

OTHERS:

★ What does the gods' importance in this story tell you about Chaucer's time?



3. Make several comments about the role(s) of the women (the "weeping widows," Emily, Hippolyta) in this story.

What does this tell you about Chaucer's time?

4. The story, which Chaucer "adapted" from the Italian poet, Boccaccio, was originally called "The Story of Theseus" Discuss the importance of Theseus. Why might "The Story of Theseus" be an appropriate (perhaps better?) title?

5. Discuss examples/importance of the following medieval themes in this story.

Groups
A →
+ B

- a. What does this story say about the conflict of free will vs. destiny (fate or fortune)

Groups
C →
+ D

- b. What does this story say about the concept of the "restoration of order"?

Groups
E →
+ F

- c. What does this story say about the adherence to a chivalric code/honorable way of life/duty/friendship, etc.?

Everyone →

- d. What other themes seem to be present in "The Knight's Tale"?

In-class:

6. If you have time, ask Wally for the activity "A More Than Courteous Knight."

★ At the end of discussion, return this agenda to Wally w/ all "Knight's Tale" was

attached in it!