

Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale: Comprehension Check

Directions: After you read the *Wife of Bath's Tale* and Prologue, complete the following activity. Answer the questions using complete sentences and details from the story and turn them in to [turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com).

1. What issue seems to set the Wife of Bath off on a tirade?
2. What does the Wife of Bath turn to for support for her side?
3. Why does the Pardoner cut in? How does this interjection change the mood of the tale?
4. How does the Wife of Bath characterize her husbands?
5. What strategy does the Wife of Bath use to keep her husbands from finding fault with her?
6. Comparing the five husbands, what stands out the most about her last one?
7. What is the setting of the Wife of Bath's tale? (Include where and when the story takes place.)
8. How is the answer to the question plaguing the knight fitting for his crime?
9. What does the old wife say that convinces the knight to leave it up to her?
10. How does the tale reflect the prologue?