**Answer the following questions on Chaucer's tales for a good overview:**

1. Describe the knight.
2. What information do we get about him from the General Prologue?
3. What is his story about?
4. Describe the miller.
5. What information do we get about him from his prologue?
6. What is his story about?
7. Describe the wife of Bath.
8. What information do we get about her from her prologue?
9. What is her story about?
10. Describe the pardoner.
11. What is a pardon? And a pardoner?
12. What information do we get about him from his prologue?

**The Knight**

* **Description:** A noble and experienced warrior, the Knight embodies chivalry, honour, and humility.
* **From the General Prologue:** He is a distinguished man, he has fought in many battles across Christian and Muslim lands, and is respected by all.
* **His Story:** *The Knight’s Tale* is a courtly romance about two knights, Palamon and Arcite, who compete for the love of Emily.

**The Miller**

* **Description:** A brawny, red-bearded man with a wart on his nose, known for his crude humour and strength. He is described as dishonest.
* **From his prologue:** He is drunk and insists on telling a bawdy tale, despite the Host’s protests.
* **His story:** *The Miller’s Tale* is a raunchy and humorous fabliau about a carpenter, his unfaithful wife, and her two suitors Nicholas and Absolom.

**The Wife of Bath**

* **Description:** A confident and worldly woman who has been married five times, skilled in love and arguing.
* **From her Prologue:** She discusses her experiences with marriage, arguing that women should have dominance over their husbands.
* **Her story:** *The Wife of Bath’s Tale* is about a knight who must discover what women truly desire in order to avoid execution. The answer: sovereignty over their husbands.

**The Pardoner**

* **Description:** A corrupt church official who sells indulgences (pardons for sins) and fake relics.
* **Pardon and Pardoner:** A *pardon* is a document granting forgiveness of sins; a *pardoner* is someone authorized by the Church to sell them.
* **From his prologue:** He openly admits to being greedy and deceitful, preaching against sin while profiting from it.
* **His story:** *The Pardoner’s Tale* is a moral story about three greedy men who seek Death and end up betraying and killing each other for gold.