**Sometimes We Tell the Truth/Canterbury Tales**

**Character Chart**

*(This chart was developed by twelfth-grade teacher Amanda Lentino, and modified by Kim Zarins for this website. Big thanks to Amanda and her students!)*

***Directions:*** *Under each character’s name, provide a description of him/her. In the ranking column, rank the character based on his good/badness (5 stars = good, 1 star = bad). In the last column provide evidence from the text (quote with page number) that supports the ranking provided. The first entry is filled in as an example, but you are free to modify it to suit your own analysis.*

*This assignment could be done in small groups, and combined with the personality quiz (online at www.kimzarins.com -- click on the zombie hand) students can include in the chart or a separate paper which character they got, if they agree with that result, and what the character’s icon might signify.*

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| **Novel’s characters/**  **Chaucer’s character** |  | **Textual Evidence (one for novel, one for Chaucer)** |
| Alison/Wife of Bath | 5 stars | Larger than life, confident, love and laughter in both versions:  “When Alison flashes that gap-toothed smile, you want to be up on it with her. You want to be the one that says the funny line that makes her tip her chin and laugh with nothing held back.” (page 9)  **“In felaweshipe wel koude she laughe and carpe.** In fellowship she well knew how to laugh and chatter.  **Of remedies of love she knew per chaunce,** She knew, as it happened, about remedies for love   **For she koude of that art the olde daunce.** For she knew the old dance (tricks of the trade) of that art.”  **(lines 474-476)** |
| Mr. Bailey |  |  |
| Briony |  |  |
| Bryce |  |  |
| Cannon |  |  |
| Cece |  |  |
| Cookie |  |  |
| Franklin |  |  |
| Frye |  |  |
| Jeff |  |  |
| Kai |  |  |
| Lupe |  |  |
| Mace |  |  |
| Marcus |  |  |
| Mari |  |  |
| Mouse |  |  |
| Pard |  |  |
| Parson |  |  |
| Reeve |  |  |
| Reiko |  |  |
| Rooster |  |  |
| Saga |  |  |
| Sophie |  |  |
| Bus Driver |  |  |