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History of English Literature the Age of Chaucer: The Family of Chaucer

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- Introduction to the age of Chaucer
- Events and Features of age of Chaucer
- Biography of Chaucer
- Poetic achievements
- Contemporaries
- Questions

Features


- Era of Transition
- Hundred years of War (1337 - 1453)
- Black Death
- Peasants Revolt (1381)
- Corruption of Church



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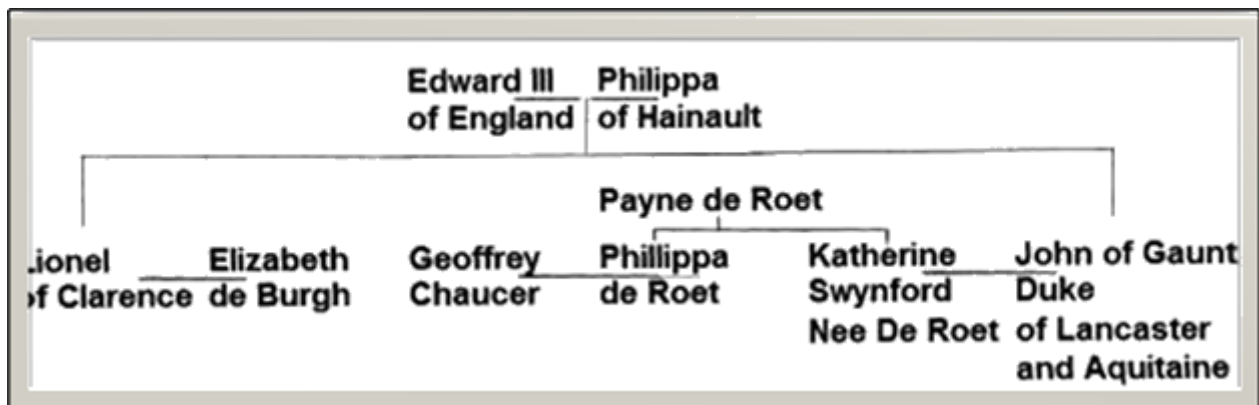
Chaucer's Life and Family

- ✦ Chaucer's father was a vintner.
- ✦ Chaucer belonged to the upper middle class.
- ✦ He had a wife and children.
- ✦ Well respected among peers and held in high esteem by king; received annual wine supplies, which later increased in size
- ✦ Little is known of his life beyond official duties and achievements.
- ✦ He died in 1400 (October 25?).



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The Family of Chaucer



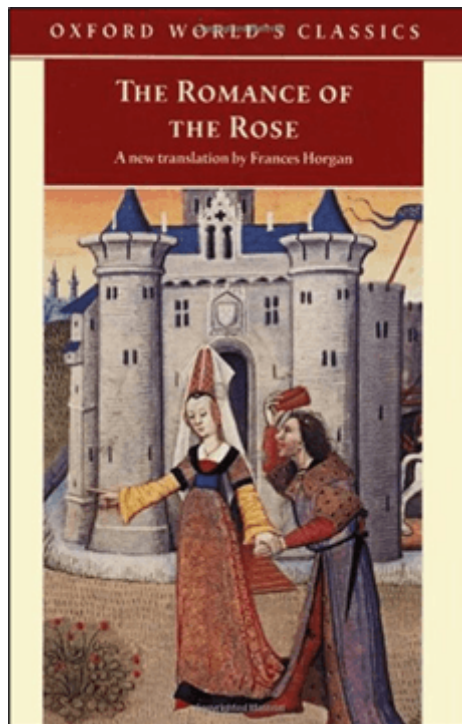
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The First Period

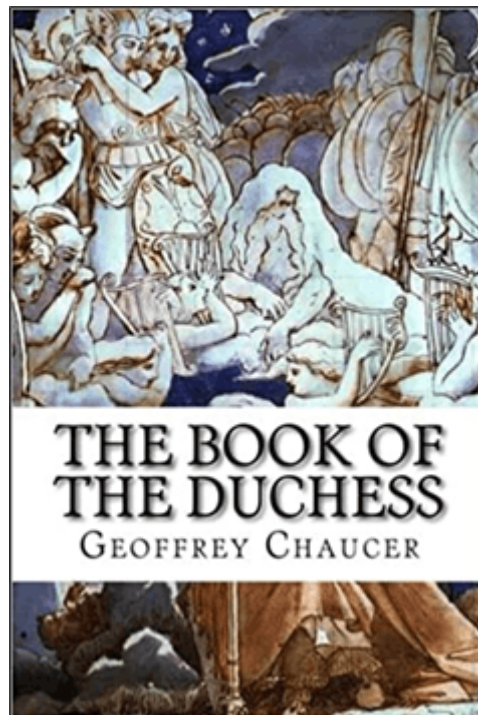
- Which was of 30 years, include has youth and manhood in which time he was influenced almost exclusively by French literary models therefore this period is called French period.
- In this period, he made a translation of The Romance Of The Rose - from the famous very long poem Le Roman De La Rose.
- Book Of Duchess (dramatic and emotional power) written after the death of Blanche, wife of Chaucer patron, John of Gaunt.

Other minor poem of Chaucer are:

- The Complaint Unto Pity,
- The Complaint Of Mars,
- Queen Annelida
- The ABC.



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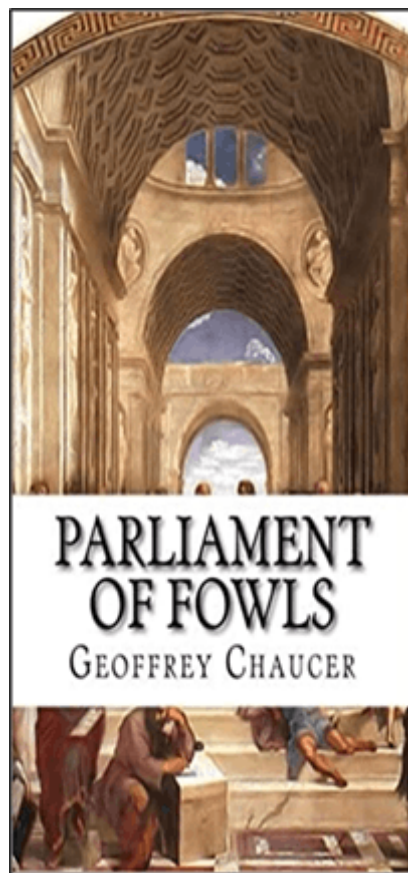
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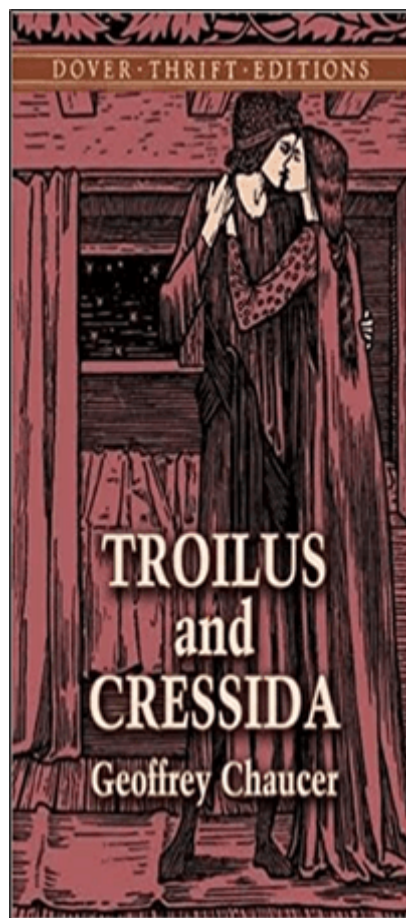
Which Was of 15 years.

In this period, he made his first official visit to Italy; to arrange a commercial treaty with genoa, and from this time is noticeable a rapid development in his literary power and the prominence of Italian literary influence. **The chief work of this period:**

- Troilus and Criseyde (8000-line poem) ,
- Palamon and recite, known is the knight's tale,
- The house of fame,
- Dante's divine comedy.



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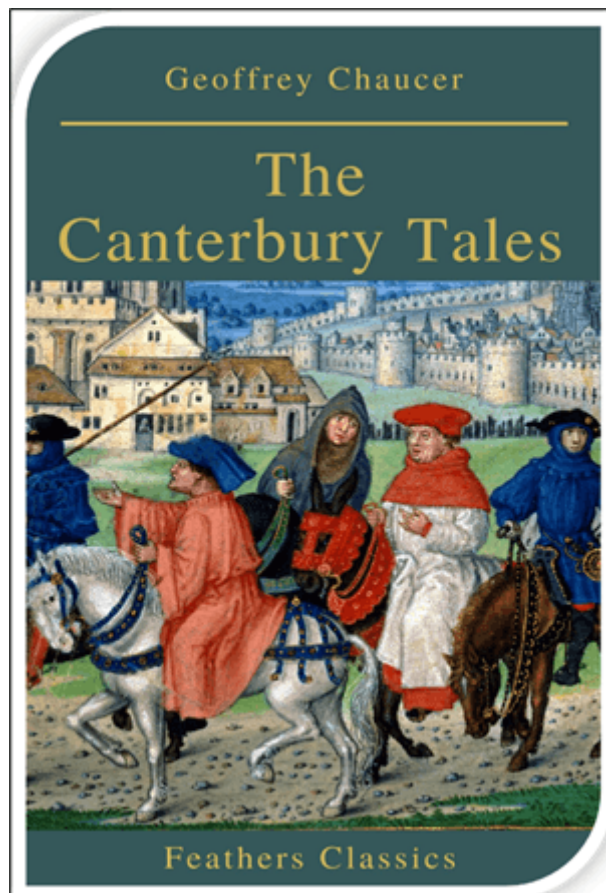


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The Third or English Period

- Chaucer's master piece
- "THE CANTERBURY TALES" one of the most famous work in all literature fills the third or English period of his life.

- Chaucer succeeded in his purpose so well that in the Canterbury tales, He has given us a picture of Contemporary English life, its work and play, its deeds and dreams, it's fun and sympathy, and hearty joy of living, such as no other single work of literature ever equalled.



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Contemporaries

- John Gower
- Mandeville
- John Wycliffe

Points to Remember

- Morning star of Renaissance
- The Wall of English and defined – Spencer
- Father of English Literature
- Chaucer lacks high seriousness Matthew Arnold
- Father of English Poetry – Matthew Arnold

Questions

1. Who was the patron of Geoffrey Chaucer?
2. Who quoted " Chaucer lacks high seriousness?"
3. The House of Fame was influenced by.

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