Write Your Own Canterbury Tale

You and a partner will be writing your own Canterbury Tale. Unlike Chaucer’s tales, your story can be written in prose (normal paragraphs and sentences).

Your story will consist of two parts – the prologue and the tale. The prologue 350-500 words will introduce your tale and the story teller in detail. The actual tale 750-1000 words will be narrated by your storyteller, so make sure you are writing in your character’s voice and not just your own. Also, your story must have a moral or message.

You have two options for the setting of your story.

1. The tale may be told by an actual pilgrim, who you have developed, who joins the pilgrimage. This tale will be set in medieval times.
2. You may set the story in modern times. Describe a situation in 2015 in which a group of people get together and tell stories. For this option, your prologue will be similar to the Canterbury Tales General Prologue in that it will introduce each of the characters assembled. The tale, then, will be one character’s story.

There is one more component to your story, you must read your story to the class as your character. You and your partner must decide how you will read the story to the class. Both of you must read a portion of your story. The reading of your story will be graded separately.

Your story can be based on a personal experience, but it must be original.

Your paper must be typed, 1 inch margins, 12 pt. font. Title should be 5 spaces from the top of the page

This writing assignment is worth 100 points:

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Separate from the story/Properly titled:\_\_\_\_/5 Meets the minimum requirements:\_\_\_\_\_/5

Describes the storyteller and situation:\_\_\_\_\_/10 Grammar, Spelling:\_\_\_\_\_5

Tale:\_\_\_\_\_50

Separate from the prologue/Properly titled:\_\_\_\_\_5 Clear beginning, middle, end to story\_\_\_\_\_/10

**Separate paragraphs:\_\_\_\_\_5**  Thought provoking message/moral:\_\_\_\_\_/15

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Story is written from storyteller’s POV:\_\_\_\_\_/5

**Classroom Reading:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/25**

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