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## Pilgrim Lexis

**Directions:** Read the excerpt from the *General Prologue* in *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer. Use **context clues** in the passage to determine the meaning of the bolded Middle English words. Record your best guess in the Vocabulary Chart.

### General Prologue, modernized spelling (with Middle English words bolded)

"A **knight** ther was, and that a worthy man,  
That fro the time he first began  
To riden out, he loved **chivalrie**,  
Trouthe and honour, **freedom** and **curteisye**.  
Full worthy was he in his lordes war,  
And therein hadde he riden, no man farre."

| Word (Middle English) | Context Clues in Passage | Best Guess Meaning | Modern Equivalent |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| chivalrie             |                          |                    |                   |
| trouthe               |                          |                    |                   |
| curteisye             |                          |                    |                   |
| freedom               |                          |                    |                   |