***The Wife of Bath’s Prologue***

Consider some of the connotations and associations of the following images and story elements, saying what they convey about the Wife’s character and about the attitudes and values of the time.

**Husband Four**

484 “I made him of the same wode a cross”

487-8 “…in his owene grece I made him frie/ for anger…”

495 “He deyde whan I cam fro Jerusalem”

496 “[He]…lith ygrave under the roode beem”

502 “He is now in his grave and in his cheste.”

**Husband Five (Jankyn)**

506 “That feele I on my ribbes al by rewe”

508 “But in oure bed he was so fresh and gay”

512 “He koude winne again my love anon”

517 “Waite what thing we may nat lighly have”

519 “Forbede us thing, and that desiren we”

524 “This knowth every woman that is wys”

526 “Which that I took for love, and no richesse”

541-2 “…for he/ Had toold to me so greet a privetee.”