**The Wife of Bath’s Prologue**

**The marriage to Jankin (from line 627)**

How might you interpret the following lines? Think about what the might signify symbolically or how they relate to other elements in the text.

l.628 “This joly clerk, Jankin, that was so hende”

l.635 “For that I rente out of his book a leef”

l.650 “And thane wolde he upon his Bible seke”

l.661 “Ne I wolde nat of him corrected be”

l.670 “For his desport wolde he rede alway”

ll.693-5 “…if women hadde written stories/ they wolde han written of men moore wikkednesse”

l.705 “And Venus falleth ther Mercurie is reysed”

l.714 “Redde on his book, as he sat by the fire,/ Of Eva first…”

l.769 “and somme han drive nailes in hir brain,/ Whil that they slepte…”

l.796 “That in the floor I lay as I were deed”

l.813 “He yaf me al the bridel in myn hond”