**“The Nun’s Priest’s Tale” (p. 119)**

1. A fable is a brief tale that conveys a moral lesson, usually by giving human speech and manners to animals. What characteristics make this story a fable? What is the moral lesson?

2. Write a summary of the events in the story.

3. This is an example of a mock epic (a parody of the heroic epic). Consider the epic characteristics of *Beowulf* (**hero is of national or international importance, of imposing stature and significance, representative of the values of his society, on a quest, superhuman in strength and courage, honorable and noble; supernatural forces/presence; vast setting (including battlefields); actions (deeds of great valor, war); quest; weapon; descent into underworld**) and explain the characteristics that make Chaucer’s story a mock epic (identify the characteristics of the epic that Chaucer’s parodies, or makes fun of).