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BRIT LIT
Golden Age Test I
Volume 3 - Sidney & Spenser

MEMORIZATION: (45 pts)

Orally deliver to your instructor the following selections:

First four lines of *Beowulf* in Anglo Saxon _____ / 15

Selection from *Beowulf* in modern English _____ / 15

Beginning of *The Canterbury Tales* in Middle English _____ / 15

POETRY: (15 pts)

Who is the author of this poem? _____

Does the poem contain an apostrophe? If so, list it. _____

Down the left side of the poem, mark the rhyme scheme. Highlight all the alliteration. Underline and quickly explain all the repetition of important words, ideas, or themes. Mark the turn.

Rich fools there be, whose base and filthy heart
Lies hatching still the goods wherein they flow:
And damning their own selves to Tantal's smart,
Wealth breeding want, more blest more wretched grow.
Yet to those fools heav'n such wit doth impart
As what their hands do hold, their heads do know,
And knowing love, and loving, lay apart,
As sacred things, far from all danger's show.
But that rich fool who by blind Fortune's lot
The richest gem of love and life enjoys,
And can with foul abuse such beauties blot;
Let him, depriv'd of sweet but unfelt joys,
(Exil'd for aye from those high treasures, which
He knows not) grow in only folly rich.

ESSAY: (40 pts)

*On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay of **400-500 words** discussing the following question. Make sure that you include specific details from the text and demonstrate engagement with the material and original thought.*

Discuss in detail all similarities and contrasts between the House of Holiness and the House of Pride.