Lesson 1

Chapters 1 and 2 of *Adam of the Road*

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary

Look each of these words in a dictionary and write its definition.

fabliaux

a metrical tale, typically a bawdily humorous one, of a type found chiefly in early French poetry

ninny

 a foolish person

dole

 a giving or distribution of food or money or clothing to the needy

doleful

 expressing sorrow, mournful

pining

 suffer a mental and physical decline, especially because of a broken hear

wanhope

 want of hope, despair; also, faint or delusive hope

Character study

Give a brief description of each of these characters.

Adam Quartermayne

tousled-headed and snub-nosed, wide-mouthed and square-jawed; honest and twinkling grey eyes; sang well; knew many stories; humble about himself

Roger Quartermayne the minstrel

Adam’s father; a minstrel who is better than most; handsome, kind, brave

Perkin

thin, tall, dark-haired, high nose, intense brooding look, older than Adam, white flashing smile

Nick

red spaniel, long silky ears, tail never stopped wagging, around Adam

Dame Malkin

widow woman that took care of Nick, short, round-faced, blue eyes, red cheeks

What is the year month and day that this story begins?

 June 22, 1294 St Alban’s Day

Where had Roger been and why was he there?

 Minstrel school in France to learn new romances to tell the lords and ladies