Lesson 2

Chapters 3 and 4 of *Adam of the Road*

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

Vocabulary

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

Evensong

Evening service, especially in the Anglican church

trappings

outward decoration or dress, ornamental equipment

tawny

an orange-brown or yellow-brown color

portmanteau

a large trunk or suitcase, typically made of stiff leather and opening into two equal parts

Setting

Place

Primary place of these two chapters

St. Alban’s Abby

Social Standing

What does “The last of the de Lisle train” tell you about Sir Edmund

Wealthy, had a lot of servants and stuff

Why was Adam proud of his new clothes?

They identify him as a minstrel

From his Father

He looked fine in them

Characters

Give a brief description of each of these characters.

Hugh

Proud-looking, eyes like glass, thin nose that seemed to be pulling his short lip over his front teeth.

A page

about Adam’s age/size

Didn’t like the look of Adam

Margery

pointed face, shining brown eyes, red lips, brown curls, pretty

high-born

On page 36, Perkin makes an exclamation about something he sees. What strange thing did he see and why was it so interesting

Carriage he had never seen one before

What did Roger mean when he said Adam was “whey-faced”?

Pale from being inside

What interesting thing did Roger do when greeting Adam?

Kissed both of his cheeks

List two things Adam was learning at the school at St. Albans

Hymns

Latin

Even though he was well treated, why was he not happy to stay at St. Albans?

He wanted to be a minstrel and not a clerk

What was the last thing Perkin says in Chapter?

We’ll see each other again. Minstrels get about and so do students

From the text, what can we learn a comfit to be?

Candy

Sweet-meat

Perkin told Adam that if he saw his parson or priest to let him know that Perkin was studying hard. Why was that important to Perkin?

The priest had paid for Perkin to go to school

If Sir Edmund was so proud of his carriage, why would he never ride in it?

It was uncomfortable

bumps and jolts

What does “He put on his best son-of -Roger manner” mean?

Acting like Roger the minstrel

Acting as Roger had taught him

What complaint did Roger have about the abbot's wood?

Didn’t keep the trees cut back a bow-shot from the road

Why was it important?

Robbers could hide close to the road.

Robbers could hide in the trees and shoot travelers

How did the abbot compensate for this?

Kept a company of armed guards to patrol the road to London

Roads play and important part in this story. Roger appreciates the roads and understands the importance of keeping them in good repair because the roads are necessary for his livelihood. Copy the second to last paragraph in chapter four.

“A road’s a kind of holy thing,” Roger went on. “That’s why it’s a good work to keep a road in repair, like giving alms to the poor or tending the sick. It’s open to the sun and wind and rain. It brings all kinds of people and all parts of England together. And it’s home to a minstrel, even though he may happen to be sleeping in a castle.”