

Directions: Read pages 667 – 685 Use complete sentences with proper grammar to answer the following items.

1. Why has Brother Onion been sent to Certaldo?

2. What does Brother Onion claim to possess?

3. How does Guccio help Giovanni and Biagio play their prank?

4. How does Brother Onion explain the “mix-up” to his audience?

5. What central irony is at play in this story?

6. What does the reader know about Brother Onion that he does not know himself?

7. Why does Brother Onion tell a long story after he opens the box?

8. What aspects of human nature do you think Boccaccio is satirizing or ridiculing in this story?

9. Describe in great detail the types of sonnets and their characteristics.

10. What metaphors or direct comparisons does the speaker in Petrarch’s Sonnet 61 use to describe his state of mind. Give two examples to support your answer.

11. Identify two oxymorons in Petrarch’s Sonnet 61. What effect do these figures of speech produce?

12. What is the most important word in Petrarch’s sonnet? How does the poet emphasize this word?

13. What argument does Ronsard develop in “To Helene”? **How do you think the real Helene would have responded to this argument?**

