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THE WOMAN OF BATH

The present text comes from the Goffrey Chauser’s work “The Canterburry tales”.

The technique that the poet uses for the characterization of the woman of bath is the showing technique since he only presents the woman without giving any opinion.

Considering the economy of the text the intelligent reader understands that the most important strategy is irony.

So the text starts with an alliteration of the sound –w. it has the function of highlight the adjective worthy that is most present one.

Since from the begging the intelligent reader notices the ironic tone. The alliteration of the sound –w is present also there and highlight the adjective “deaf”.

How can a worthy woman be deaf?

Now moving forward with the analysis. In line 3 and 4 the poet tells the ability of the woman as a seamstress.

From line 5 to line 8 the poet tells her attitude from the way she approaches with the other woman of the parish. Her behavior is aggressive and she fights with the other woman.

From line 10 to line 14 the poet describes her appearance. From the description the intelligent reader understands she is rich since her clothes are made with high qualities materials.

The expression “red in hue” convey that she is healthy.

From line 15 to line 17 the tone is ironic. At the begging he tells she is worthy but than he says she has five ex husband and other company in youth. This contrast between the adjective worthy and her behavior is hilarious and has an ironic tone.

She is a very independent and strong woman as the reader can understand from the telling of her adventure and her trip.

The expression “gap teeth” is in contrast with the previously descriptions of her appearance.

The poet also tells that she has the war’s equipment so she is brave and independent.

In the last 3 line the poet tells how she behaves in company. She is very different from the woman of her period since she is outgoing and she lives without any duties.

The last line is ironic since the speaking voice seems to make fun of her because she had got a lot of lovers.

In conclusion we can say that the speaker uses an ironic tone since even if she is respectable her behavior is in contrast with her position.

She is a unique woman in her period since she is emancipated and unconventional.