Questions for “The Pardoner’s Tale” and prologue

1. Based on the prologue for “The Pardoner’s Tale” what is it that we learn about the pardoner himself?
2. How would you describe the pardoner’s character in how he deals with the members of the trip and of the church in regards to confessions?
3. What are your first impressions of the rioters and their promise (vow)?
4. What do you think the rioters plan to do once they reach the village?
5. In **lines** **154-151**, how does this comment prove to be **ironic** pertaining to the old man?
6. In **lines 202-208**, there is irony present. Describe the irony in that section.
7. List in sequencing order what the rioters plan to do.
8. In **lines 213-237** what else might be going through the youngest rioter’s mind?
9. In **lines 238-246**, review the vocation (job) of the storyteller, the pardoner. Discuss the pardoner’s likely attitude toward the youngest rioter as he describes the youth (meaning what is it that he may suddenly realize).
10. What effect does the apothecary hope to achieve through his boasting? What does he not recognize as the true effect of his words?
11. How has greed brought down (**destroyed**) the characters in “The Pardoner’s Tale?”
12. Now that you have finished reading “The Pardoner’s Tale” and have met the old man, who in reality was the old man? Explain your answer.
13. How does the pardoner’s tale mirror that of the Pardoner persona?