

CHAUCER
and
ENGLISH

The Canterbury Tales: why is
Geoffrey Chaucer considered a
revolutionary writer?

At a time when **French** and **Latin** were still the languages of the culture, of the Court and the Parliament, **Chaucer decided to write *The Canterbury Tales* in English.**

We can say that he definitely promoted English as the literary language of the British nation.

His decision was as revolutionary as Dante's decision to abandon Latin for the Italian vernacular.