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Concentration on extremes in exemplar and sermonising (including language)	Several possibilities, such as lines 248-250
Reference to death and funerals	Lines 378ff
The strange and supernatural	The Old Man
Story set in distanced time and place	In Flanders, 'once upon a time'
The setting	Lines 475-6: 'crooked way', 'grove'.
Sensational in style and incident	Many examples; the Pardoner concentrates on 'tabloid newspaper' events
Suspense	Especially as the rioters plot against each other. Will they succeed?
Strong feelings/emotions	The rioters are driven by emotions. Also, the Pardoner has strong feelings (e.g. lines 609ff)
Violence	Line 595
Night/darkness	Line 505