



Dragonheart

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While reading

Chapters 1–3

1 We meet two knights in Chapter 1, Sir Bowen and Brok. How do they want Einon to act when he is king? Write sentences.

- a Sir Bowen wants
- b Brok wants

2 Discuss with your partner. Which road do you think Prince Einon will follow, a or b?

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Chapter 2

3 Write *loves* or *doesn't love* in these sentences.

- a King Freyne his people.
- b Sir Bowen Prince Einon.
- c Sir Bowen King Freyne.
- d Prince Einon his father.

4 Who ...

- a has a cruel smile on his face when he kills the peasants?
- b thinks it is wrong to kill peasants?
- c has hard eyes?
- d kills the king?
- e fights for the crown?
- f puts a sword in Einon's heart?

Chapter 3

5 Choose the right answer.

- a Queen Aislinn is Einon's
1) mother 2) wife 3) sister
- b When she hears that her husband is dead, she is
1) sad 2) not sad
- c She to help her son.
1) wants 2) doesn't want

6 What do the words in *italics* mean?

- a '*It* was ugly – brown and black, with a large mouth, big teeth, and sad eyes.' What was?
- b '*I'm* going to teach *him* about dragons in the future.' Who?
- c '*He* has to say that, not *you*,' answered the dragon. Who?
- d 'Bowen gave *it* to the dragon.' What?
- e 'I'll ... be kind to *them*.' Who?
- f 'Watch *me*!' Who?
- g '*It*'ll make you strong.' What will?

Chapters 4–5

7 Tell the story. Which sentence comes first?

Write numbers 1–11 next to the sentences.

- a Einon is very angry and fights Bowen.
- b They are working very hard.
- c Suddenly Sir Bowen stops Brok and shouts to the peasants, 'Run away!'.
- d Brok finds Redbeard and burns out his eyes.
- e Suddenly King Einon sees Redbeard.
- f Bowen is stronger and he wins.
- g They are building him a new castle.
- h Brok wants to kill Redbeard.
- i Sadly he rides away.
- j Cruel King Einon is watching his peasants.
- k But Einon wants to burn out his eyes.

8 Sir Bowen changes in Chapter 4. Before he thought the Old Code was the right way. Now he doesn't. How is he going to break the Old Code?

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9 Answer the following questions about Chapter 5. Why ...

- a doesn't Sir Bowen like the story about the Old Code?
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- b does the ground round the monk begin to move and his pen fall out of his fingers?
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- c are there dead men and horses on the ground round the tree?
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- d does Sir Bowen want to kill the dragon?
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- e does the dragon fly through the sky for a long time?
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- f can't the dragon close his mouth when Sir Bowen is inside it?
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- g doesn't the dragon kill Sir Bowen?
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Chapters 6–8

10 The dragon is telling Bowen his clever idea.

Bowen asks him questions. Work with a partner. Write their conversation. Start with these words or your ideas:

Dragon: This is my idea. First I fly over a village. The people see me and start to shout, 'There's a dragon! There's a dragon!'

Sir Bowen: And where am I?

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11 Who thinks these things – the dragon (D) or Sir Bowen (SB)?

- a Sir Felton's peasants will have to work harder now.
- b The world is a bad place and he can't change it.
- c The dragon's half of Einon's heart is cruel.
- d The dragon's half of Einon's heart is good.
- e Einon was a cruel child.
- f Einon was a good child.

12 King Einon thinks he knows Kara but he can't remember. How does he know her?

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13 Answer these questions.

- a Why doesn't Einon kill Kara?
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- b What do you think he wants to do with her?
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- c Why didn't Queen Aislinn kill Einon when he was a baby?
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- d How does Kara get out of the castle?
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Chapters 9–10

14 How do these people do these things? Put the words in the sentences.

cruelly fast angrily quickly suddenly
kindly sadly

- a Draco sings to Kara.
- b Kara tells Bowen to go away.
- c When they hear the sound of horses, Draco jumps into the water.

- d Einon speaks to Sir Bowen.
- e When he sees Draco, Einon rides away.
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- f Bowen understands that Draco is the Great Dragon from the mountain.
- g Bowen speaks to Draco.

15 Answer these questions.

- a How many peasants does Sir Felton think he is as strong as?
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- b What does Queen Aislinn give her son?
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- c Why do Einon and his knights leave the castle?
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- d What is their plan?
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- e Why does Einon want Draco to live?
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- f Why won't Bowen kill Draco?
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16 You are at the end of the story. Work with another student. Look at the chapter names. Ask and answer questions. For example:

Chapter 1 The Old Code

Ask: Who lives by the Old Code? Who doesn't?

Chapter 2 The Battle

Ask: Who fights in the battle?

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After reading

17 How many English words can you make out of DRAGONHEART?

Examples: *and, the, head*

Take five minutes. How many words do you have?

Ask another student. How many words do they have? Are they the same?

18 In the hundreds of years before *Dragonheart* takes place, the dragons wanted to teach men and women to live good lives. Do you think we can learn from animals and the way they live? Write down some ideas.



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Chapters 1–3

1 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Sir Bowen was one of King Freyne's sons.
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- b Brok told Einon and Sir Bowen that the knights were fighting the dragons.
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- c Einon thinks that when his father dies he will be a knight.
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2 Circle the right words.

- a While Sir Bowen and Einon watched the battle, the knight was sad but the young prince
 - 1) was excited.
 - 2) was afraid.
- b Sir Bowen was sad when Einon said he was happy that his father was
 - 1) 'winning the battle'.
 - 2) 'killing the stupid peasants'.

3 Match the questions and the answers.

- a Who was the young peasant with a bucket on the head that fought Einon?
- b What does the Queen think as she is looking out the window and hears the sound of fighting?
- c Where do the Queen and the knights take Einon when he is hurt?
- d What does the Great Dragon tell the Queen?
- e Why does the Great Dragon hate the King?
- f What does the Great Dragon want Einon to tell him?
 - 1) A lovely red-haired girl, Kara.
 - 2) That he will not be a cruel king and that he will not kill peasants or dragons any more.
 - 3) Because he liked killing dragons and peasants.
 - 4) It is against the Old Code and very cruel to kill peasants.
 - 5) Men and dragons were friends in the past but things changed.
 - 6) To the Cold Mountain where the Great Dragon lives.

Chapters 4–5

4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a King Einon is very happy with his castle and wants to be a very good King to his people.

- b The king wants to hurt Redbeard so he decides to burn out his eyes.
- c Sir Bowen knows he can kill the king because he is not very strong.
- d Sir Bowen and Brother Gilbert meet on their way up to the Cold Mountain and decide to ride together.

5 Circle the right words.

- a Sir Bowen tells Brother Gilbert that he liked *the meat / his story*.
- b The dragon threw *fire / a dead man and his horse* out of the river.
- c Sir Bowen told the Great Dragon that he wanted to be *rich / famous* so he killed many dragons.
- d When Sir Bowen woke up after fighting the dragon, he was *in the cold mountain / in the dragon's mouth*.

Chapters 6–8

6 Finish the sentences.

- a Sir Felton does not
- b At first, Sir Bowen hates the Great Dragon because he believes that his heart made
- c The Great Dragon laughs because the name Sir Bowen wants to give him, 'Draco',
- d After the king and his knights kill Kara's father, she thinks that one day

7 Choose the right word from the box.

cruel castle clever Code

- a Kara goes to the king's to kill him because of what he did to her father.
- b The Queen helps Kara run away because she thinks her son is too
- c Kara is a very girl and nobody sees her leave.
- d The Queen and the Great Dragon are very sad because they do not live by the Old any more.

Chapters 9–10

8 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a When Sir Bowen and Einon started to fight the teacher realised that his student was now faster and stronger.
- b Draco asked the Queen to kill her son.
- c Before the Queen could do anything, her son took her knife away from her.