



# King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table

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## Before reading

- Complete the sentences.
  - King Arthur is ...
  - Guinevere is ...
  - The Knights of the Round Table are ...
  - Camelot is ...
  - Excalibur is ...

## While reading

### Chapters 1–2

- You are Merlin. You lost your job when Uther died. Complete this to find a new job.

NAME:  
AGE:  
COUNTRY:  
LAST JOB:  
MAGIC:

- You are King Uther. Write a letter to your son, Arthur, telling him everything.

Dear son,  
I'm sorry that ...

- In Chapter 1 there is a lot of magic. Read the chapter again and write down three parts that have magic.
- Arthur and Guinevere invite you to their party but the invitation is not right! Put the sentences in the right place.

Come to Arthur's  
Wonderful party.  
Archbishop will marry  
Camelot where the  
them. We will enjoy a  
and Guinevere's wedding at

- King Arthur writes to another king about the table Merlin made him. Read page 6 and complete.

I have a wonderful table. There are (a) ..... places at the (b) ..... and (c) ..... table. Only the (d) ..... and (e) ..... knights can (f) ..... round the table. No (g) ..... is better than the other. Nobody can sit at the (h) ....., nobody can sit at the (i) .....

## Chapter 3

- You are King Arthur. You are staying at Queen Annoure's castle. Write a postcard to Guinevere telling her about the beautiful castle and about Queen Annoure.

## Chapter 4

- Complete the sentences.
 

Morgan le Fay was a q....., with a c..... in the country of Gorres. She was a very b... w..... . She could do m..... for b..... things. She h..... King Arthur but he did not k..... it. She wanted King Arthur to d..... .
- Write why.
  - King Arthur did not take his sword because ...
  - Arthur left his sword with Morgan le Fay because ...
  - Arthur could not find his way out of the forest because ...
  - Arthur went onto the boat because ...
  - Arthur fought for Sir Damas because ...
  - Before the fight, Arthur was happy because ...
  - During the fight, King Arthur was not happy because ...
  - Sir Accolon fought against Arthur because ...
  - Arthur took the castle from Sir Damas because ...
  - Arthur stayed with the nuns because ...
  - The nuns let Morgan le Fay look at Arthur because ...
  - Morgan le Fay threw the scabbard into the water because ...
- You are Morgan le Fay. Tell *your* story. Start with: *I am Morgan le Fay. You think I am a bad woman but I am not ...*

## Chapters 5–6

- What are Merlin and Vivien thinking? Write.





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12 Sir Meligrance is a bad knight. In what order did he do the bad things? Number the sentences 1–10.

**SIR MELIGRANCE  
WANTED FOR**

**a** Making his knights fight against Guinevere's knights.

**b** Taking Guinevere and her knights away to his castle.

**c** Keeping Sir Lancelot in a little room below a door.

**d** Telling Queen Guinevere and her knights to stand where they are.

**e** Saying to Guinevere that Lancelot went back to Camelot.

**f** Telling them that if they move, he will kill them.

**g** Telling Guinevere, his king's wife, that he loves her.

**h** Wounding Guinevere's knights.

**i** Saying he is sorry to Guinevere when he really isn't.

**j** Telling Arthur that Guinevere came with him because she loves him.

### Chapters 7–8

13 Tristram is a music teacher. Complete the text.

**DO YOU LIKE MUSIC? TALK TO SIR TRISTRAM NOW! HE NEEDS HELP! Make his w..... better and he will teach you to play the h..... . E..... playing it and learn it w..... . You may end up liking music and your t..... a lot!**

14 Work with another student. Tell the story of Tristram. Use these words to help you.

woods	a harp	black helmet
poison	black helmet	a marriage
a fire	a marriage	a lake
uncle	a wound	a castle
a fight	a wound	swords
a wound	a harp	a song and a smile

15 These words are from the story of The Grail. Match the words in A and B.

You can use the same words several times. How many can you put together to tell the story?

A	B
old	church
dead	clothes
white	cup
red	face
great	hair
beautiful	helmet
round	journey
gold	king
loud	noise
long	knights
brave	letter
new	man/men
	light
	table

### Chapter 9

16 Write.

You are Lancelot. Answer Sir Gawain's letter in page 36.

17 Work with another student. Sir Bevidere does not want to let King Arthur go on the black boat with the ladies dressed in black. What does he say to Arthur? Write their words and then read them in class.

### After reading

18 Work with another student. King Arthur comes back to help his country today. In what ways is the world different? In what ways is the world the same? Write your ideas. Does your friend agree?

19 What problems must King Arthur help the world with today? Make a short list.

20 Work with other students. Write the names of the people in the story on different pieces of paper. Give one to each person in the group. The other people in the group ask questions to find out who each of you is.

21 Write.

You are Queen Guinevere. Write a short letter to a friend about your life with King Arthur. Did you love him? Was he a good husband? What good things did he do in his life?



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## Chapters 1–2

1 Match the names of these people (a–j) with the right words (1–10):

- a Uther .....
  - b Igraine .....
  - c Merlin .....
  - d Arthur .....
  - e Sir Ector .....
  - f Sir Kay .....
  - g The Archbishop .....
  - h Sir Galahad .....
  - i Guinevere .....
  - j Sir Pellinore .....
- 1) a beautiful woman
  - 2) the most important man in the church
  - 3) a good knight
  - 4) a great king
  - 5) a man who knew a lot of magic
  - 6) a new knight
  - 7) Arthur's best knight
  - 8) Sir Ector's son
  - 9) son of Uther and Igraine
  - 10) the most beautiful woman in England

2 Who said this?

- a 'You can marry Igraine.' .....
- b 'Who will be king after me?' .....
- c 'Who brought the stone here?' .....
- d 'Perhaps the new king will come to the fight.'  
.....
- e 'There is a sword in the stone outside the church.'  
.....
- f 'I will try to be a good king.' .....
- g 'Arthur is our king!' .....
- h 'The names of the Knights of the Round Table will be famous!' .....

## Chapter 3

3 Complete these sentences with one of these words:

castle	door	horse	knight	magic
queen	wall	wood		

- a King Arthur went round the country on his ... .
- b One day he came to a great ... .
- c Then he saw a very big, beautiful ... in front of him.
- d It was the castle of ... Annoure.
- e She knew a lot of ... .
- f She told Arthur that the ... was shut.
- g Arthur went out of the castle through the door in the great ... .
- h 'A very bad ... is on his way,' she said.

## Chapter 4

4 Right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a King Arthur knew that Morgan le Fay hated him.
- b Arthur went to sleep in a small room that night.
- c Arthur was alone in the small room.
- d Sir Accolon had Arthur's sword, Excalibur.
- e Merlin told Arthur about Morgan le Fay.

## Chapters 5–6

5 Who did this?

- a Vivien learned magic from .....
- b Vivien studied with .....
- c ..... went on a long journey with Merlin.
- d ..... saw a magic cave inside the mountain.
- e ..... shouted the magic words.
- f ..... had no help from his friend.

## Chapters 7–8

6 Complete the words.

- a The \_u\_ \_n told the King the baby's name and d\_ \_ed.
- b \_in\_ Mark loved Tristram and Tristram loved his \_n\_ l\_.
- c There was \_oi\_ \_o\_ in Tristram's w\_u\_ d.
- d Isolt stayed near Tristram's \_e\_ for many days and n\_ \_h\_s.
- e Tristram had a white h\_e\_m\_e\_, white c\_ot\_es and a white h\_rs\_.
- f 'When you want my h\_l\_, I will c\_ \_e,' said Tristram.
- g Tristram threw Sir Palamides, the \_v\_ l knight, onto the g\_ou\_ \_.
- h Isolt did not \_a\_ or d\_in\_.
- i The place said in g\_l\_ l\_ \_t\_er\_ 'Sir Galahad'.
- j They saw a gold c\_p above the ta\_ \_e.
- k On the s\_i\_, there was the G\_ \_i\_.
- l In the morning, they found Sir Galahad d\_ \_d and he had a happy f\_c\_.

## Chapter 9

7 Complete the end of the sentence.

- a King Arthur and his men went to France to ... .
- b 'Please come and help King Arthur in ...'.
- c One of Mordred's men pulled out his sword and Arthur's men ... .
- d Sir Bedivere threw the sword on the water and an arm ... .
- e ... were in the boat.