

Chapter 1
The Coming of Arthur



Vocabulary

Look up these words in your dictionary, record the definitions, then write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

chivalry _____

barbarity _____

hilt _____

azure _____

rival _____

concourse _____

dais _____

tresses _____

peerage _____

coronation _____

Study Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What was the name of Arthur's father?

2. In the text we are told that Merlin was faithful to Uther Pendragon's charge to take care of his son Arthur. Describe all the reasons you can gather from the text that attest to Merlin's faithful care of Arthur.

3. Why do you think Excalibur's hilt said "Take me" on one side and "Cast me away" on the other? Why do you think Arthur was sad?

4. In this chapter, two forms of religion were being practiced. Name and describe them.

Why were two different forms of religion being practiced?

5. Who were “the flower of Britain’s chivalry”?

What does this phrase mean?

List the main principles of chivalry.

6. According to the knight’s oath, what five principles did the knights swear to uphold?

7. Which of these principles could you apply to your life? How?

Research

1. Create a “King Arthur and His Court” notebook where you compile all of your research for this unit study. Look up information on one of the following people, and record what you find in your notebook: Uther Pendragon, Arthur, or Merlin. Create a page for each to place in your notebook.

2. Research different types of swords. Locate ones specifically used in the Middle Ages and draw a picture of your favorite one. File all your discoveries into your notebook.

Write

After you have done your research, write several paragraphs on Uther Pendragon, Arthur and Merlin describing what you found most interesting about them and why. Use your best handwriting.

Art

Draw a picture of what you think Excalibur might look like.

