

### King Arthur Web Quest

This year you will be reading British literature. It has many stories with which you are already familiar especially stories about King Arthur. You are going to read T. H. White's book *Sword in the Stone*. It has four books, but **you are only responsible to read Book 1.** (*We will read Book IV in class!*) King Arthur is a cornerstone in English literature, and it is a source for stories and poems and literary allusions throughout the literature.

When you finish reading Book 1, "The Sword in the Stone," you are to complete the following web quest. (You may watch Disney's movie "Sword in the Stone," but you will be **missing many details** that will help you **pass the test in August.**) This assignment is to help you learn about the history of King Arthur and recognize the characters associated with his story. Your answers and responses are to be typed and printed on a separate sheet of paper and submitted on the first day of school. You have a second assignment – to write an essay on one of Wart's transformations to an animal.

If you have any questions, please email me. I will be available after August 1.

*If you would like extra credit, you may turn your paper in at Open House August 14!!! (=5 points)*

Your assignment:

1. Read T. H. White's **Once and Future King, Book 1, "the Sword in the Stone."**  
You will want to purchase the book because we will read Book IV in class!
2. The web quest.
  - The web quest is to be typed on a Word document and printed to turn in.
  - Make sure to answer each question. Some questions are direct/ specific answers and others are in paragraph form. Read the directions for each question carefully.
  - Identify the section and the question number for each answer. Make sure to clearly distinguish between each section of the quest.
  - Format is optional, but should be organized and easy to read with questions (written out) and responses clearly indicated.
  - Please use 12 font Times New Roman or Cambria.
3. Select one of the transformations into animals that Wart undergoes and write about the lesson it provides Wart. Merlyn has been sent as Wart's teacher to prepare him for being a king (which Merlyn knows all along). Write no more than a page explaining what the lesson is and how it will help Arthur be a king. Make it at least two distinct paragraphs (one for each question). The paper should have a heading (double spaced) and the body should be single spaced.

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- I. History of King Arthur – Fact or Fiction
  1. Who was King Arthur?
    - write 100-150 words telling who he was, his physical description, and how people view him
    - web site: <http://www.caerleon.net/history/arthur/page2.htm>
  2. Fact or fiction?
    - ❖ In 150-250 words give your thought and support your answer.

- II. "The Sword in the Stone" years
- ❖ These descriptions may be taken from the book, *Once and Future King*, Book 1
  - ❖ Identify the following characters and describe how they are connected to Arthur.
    1. Wart
    2. Merlin
    3. Archimedes
    4. Uther Pendragon
    5. Sir Pellinore
    6. Kay
    7. Questing Beast

III. King Arthur's court and the Knights of the Round Table.

Website: <http://csis.pace.edu/grendel/projs993a/arthurian/chars.htm>

1. Guinevere
    - a. Where is she from
    - b. Who is her father?
    - c. How does she meet Arthur?
  2. Lancelot
    - a. Where was he from?
    - b. What was his role at the round table?
    - c. What was his relationship to King Arthur?
    - d. How does he betray the King?
  3. The Round Table
    - a. What was its significance for the knights?
    - b. Who were the "knights of the round table" (as a group)?
    - c. Why were they important?
    - d. What were their responsibilities?
  4. Excaliber
    - a. How does Arthur obtain Excaliber?
    - b. What would its scabbard do?
    - c. What happened to it after Arthur died?
- ❖ Identify these items as they relate to King Arthur. Explain their significance or what they meant to the court.
5. Quests
  6. Chivalry
  7. Holy Grail
  8. Camelot
- IV. The Legend lives on!!!
1. Why is King Arthur "The once and future king"? Write a paragraph explaining Arthur as the "Once and Future King."

**Possible Sources:**

<http://www.timelessmyths.com/arthurian/excalibur.html>

<http://www.britannia.com/history/h12.html>

<http://www.caerleon.net/history/arthur/page13.htm>

<http://csis.pace.edu/grendel/projs993a/arthurian/chars.htm>

<http://kingarthursknights.com/>

**Title Page Sample: (Yours should be a Full Page)**

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[ex. - British Lit- 1]

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