

# King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table

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  - 1 Uther's army sat outside the castle and waited for the defenders to run out of food.
  - 2 Merlin changed the shape of Uther, so that Uther looked like Gorlois.
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  - 1 Arthur's parents were Uther and Igraine. But Uther promised to give his baby to Merlin, so Merlin took the baby, Arthur, to live with Sir Ector.
  - 2 Arthur became King of England by drawing the sword from the stone.
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  - 1 The Sword of Right was a symbol that Arthur was king. The Sword of Might was a battle sword.
  - 2 Arthur knew that he must return the sword when he saw the lake again.
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  - 1 Lancelot is the Champion Knight of Camelot because he is the bravest knight who fights on behalf of King Arthur.
  - 2 Merlin and Nimuë spoke to each other by magic or telepathy.
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  - 1 Nimuë and Morgana wanted Merlin's magic powers.
  - 2 Merlin means that Arthur must rule by himself and not rely on Merlin's magic or prophecies.
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    - a The Green Knight challenges the Knights of the Round Table to strike him with his own axe.
    - b Sir Gawain makes a bargain with the Green Knight. Gawain agrees to strike at the Green Knight first. Then after one year, go the castle of the Green Knight where he will strike at Gawain. This is a terrible bargain as the Green Knight does not die.
    - c The Green Knights' lady gives Gawain a small green ribbon. This is a sign to her lord that Sir Gawain is an honourable knight and should not be killed.
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  - 2 Sir Meliot's wound could not be healed except by a cloth from the Chapel Perilous, and no man could enter the Chapel Perilous and live (except Lancelot).
  - 3 Elaine could not look at a man and live.

### Tristram and Iseult

2. Queen Isaud intended Iseult and King Mark to drink the love potion on their wedding day.
- 3 Lancelot was reminded of his own impossible love affair with Guinevere.
- 4 Iseult of the White Hands was jealous of Iseult the Fair.

### Percivale and Lancelot

- 2 Percivale was a goat-herd and an inexperienced boy.
- 3 The Holy Grail is the cup that was used at the Last Supper?

### The Siege Perilous

- 1 The Siege Perilous was a chair at the Round Table on which no man might sit.
- 2 Mordred wanted Galahad to sit on the Siege Perilous and bring misfortune to Camelot.
- 3 Mordred was evil.

**The Quest for the Holy Grail**

- 1 Mordred wanted to remain at Camelot and learn the secrets of the palace; also he could not achieve a quest for a holy object because he was evil.
- 2 Lancelot could not enter the Grail Chapel because he was unworthy.

**The Breaking of the Round Table**

- 1 Morgana wanted Lancelot and Guinevere to fall asleep in the secret garden so that Mordred could fetch Arthur to see them together.
- 2 Arthur fought his last battle in the far west on a plain of shifting sand.
- 3 Morgana was consumed by her own magic when she spoke the powerful dragon breath spell?

**The Passing of Arthur**

- 1 Sir Bedivere was afraid that no one would remember Arthur if Excalibur was lost.
- 2 Arthur went to Avalon, which is an isle of rest.
- 3 Bedivere wandered the world and told the story of Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.