King Arthur Notes

* Arthur as presented in the legends was NOT a real person.
* There was, however, a chieftain named Arthur.
* Historical Arthur lived in the Dark Ages, at the end of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ centuries.
* Literary Arthur comes from medieval times, during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ century.

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**Famous Works which include Arthur**

* 1139 -- *Historia Regum Brittaniae* written by Geoffrey of Monmouth.
* 1205-- *Roman de Brut* by Layamon
* 1370 – *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* anonymous
* 1485 – *Morte d’ Arthur* (Death of Arthur) by Sir Thomas Malory
* 1590-99 – *The Faeire Queene* by Edmund Spenser
* 1859-1885 – *Idylls of the King* by Alfred, Lord Tennyson
* 1880 – *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court* by Mark Twain
* 1882 – *Parsifal* an opera by Richard Wagner
* 1939-58 – *The Once and Future King* by T.H. White
* 1960 – *Camelot* a musical by Lerner & Loewe

**Important Main Characters**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Arthur’s biological father
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Arthur’s biological mother
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -- Arthur’s adoptive father
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -- Arthur’s counselor, prophet, magician, & wizard
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Arthur’s half sister; healer & shape-changer; an adversary of both Arthur & Guinevere; she took Arthur to the barge that would take him to Avalon to be healed.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Arthur’s half sister; married to King Lot; mother of Gawain, Gaheris, Agravain, Gareth, & Mordred.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – son of Sir Ector; raised as Arthur’s step-brother.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Arthur’s nephew and illegitimate son
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Arthur’s wife; Lancelot’s lover
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Arthur’s chief knight & rival for Guinevere’s love
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – aka Vivienne; gave Excalibur to Arthur; enchanted & imprisoned Merlin
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – soldier of Pontius Pilate who was given the cup (Holy Grail) from the Last Supper

**Important Places**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – King Arthur’s kingdom.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – conception place of Arthur.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – island to which Arthur is sent to recover from the last battle.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – claimed by some to be the actual Isle of Avalon, as it was once surrounded by marshes.

**Important Objects**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Arthur’s magical sword; given to him by The Lady of the Lake.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – the cup used by Christ at the Last Supper; used by Joseph of Arimathea to catch Christ’s blood when he was on the cross.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – the table given as part of Guinevere’s dowry & used by Arthur and his knights. Each knight’s name was magically inscribed on the table. Everybody was equal.

**Official Knights of the Round Table**

* Sir Galahad
* Sir Lancelot du Lac
* Sir Gawain
* Sir Percivale
* Sir Lionell
* Sir Tristram de Lyones
* Sir Gareth
* Sir Bedivere
* Sir Bleoberis
* Sir La Cote Male Taile
* Sir Lucan
* Sir Kay
* Sir Palomedes
* Sir Lamorak
* Sir Bors de Ganis
* Sir Safer
* Sir Pelleas
* Sir Ector de Maris
* Sir Dagonet
* Sir Degore
* Sir Brunor le Noir
* Sir Le Bel Desconneu
* Sir Alymere
* Sir Mordred

**Knighthood**

Knight

* Mounted warrior
* Man of rank, or in service of a man of rank
* Generally possesses some independent means of support, but relies on the gratitude of those he has served

Knights errant -- wandering knights who traveled the country in quest of adventure

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* Taken from home to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Taught \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their lords
* Initiated in ceremonies of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Perform menial tasks
* Taught \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, dancing, harp playing, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, fishing, wrestling, tilting with spears, & performing military exercises on horseback

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* Taught to ride a horse, to run, to scale walls, to spring over ditches – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Taught to wield \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Taught to perform gracefully on horseback
* Taught courtesy or refinements of civilization
* Encouraged to bestow his attentions on a young lady of the court

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* Preparation for the Ceremony:
  + Fast and spend whole nights in prayer
  + Confession and communion
  + Clothed in snow-white garment
  + Go to church or hall where the ceremony is to be held
  + Wear a knightly sword suspended from neck

**Rules/Codes for Knights**

* To never do outrage nor murder
* Always to flee treason
* To by no means be cruel but to give mercy unto him who asks for mercy
* To always do ladies, gentlewomen and widows succor *(to go to the aid of one in distress; to help)*
* To never force ladies, gentlewomen or widows
* Not to take up battles in wrongful quarrels for love or worldly goods
* To never lay down arms
* To seek after wonders
* When called upon, to defend the rights of the weak with all one's strength
* To injure no one
* Not to attack one another
* To fight for the safety of one's country
* To give one's life for one's country
* To seek nothing before honour
* Never to break faith for any reason
* To practice religion most diligently
* To grant hospitality to anyone, each according to his ability
* Whether in honour or disgrace, to make a report with the greatest fidelity to truth to those who keep the annals



