



# The Story of King Arthur and His Knights



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## What Do *You* Think? Questions for Discussion



**H**ave you ever been around a toddler who keeps asking the question “Why?” Does your teacher call on you in class with questions from your homework? Do your parents ask you questions about your day at the dinner table? We are always surrounded by questions that need a specific response. But is it possible to have a question with no right answer?

The following questions are about the book you just read. But this is not a quiz! They are

designed to help you look at the people, places, and events in the story from different angles. These questions do not have specific answers. Instead, they might make you think of the story in a completely new way.

Think carefully about each question and enjoy discovering more about this classic story.

1. Do you believe King Arthur was a real person? What parts of his story do you think are fact and which are legend?

2. Why do you think Sir Kay acts as he does when Arthur pulls the sword from the anvil? Have you ever been jealous of a friend or sibling?

3. Why does Arthur wish to keep his identity a secret from Guinevere? Have you ever hidden something about yourself? How did you finally reveal the truth?

4. Arthur quickly learns that he must select the knights of the Round Table carefully. If you

were creating your own Round Table, who would you select?

5. Why does Merlin try on Vivien's ring, in spite of his suspicions? Have you ever done something despite your better judgment? How did it turn out?

6. Why does Arthur allow Morgana Le Fay to take Excalibur? Have you ever been tricked by someone you trusted?

7. Why do you suppose the knights are always in search of adventures? Have you ever actively sought out an adventure? Did you find one?

8. Why do you suppose Nymue gives Pellias the necklace? Is it simply a reward, or does she have another motive? Have you ever received a present that wasn't quite what it seemed?

9. Did you guess the answer to the old knight's riddle? Have you ever been asked a riddle that you couldn't solve on your own? What was it?

10. There are three parts to the code of the Round Table—be gentle to the weak, courageous to the strong, and terrible to the wicked evil-doers. Do you agree with the code? Do you know anyone who lives by such a code today?