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***Le Morte d’Arthur* Reading Assignment Questions**

**Directions:** After reading *Le Morte d’Arthur*, answer the questions below.

1. How does Gawain’s hostility toward Lancelot contribute to Arthur’s downfall?

Type your response here.

2. To what extent are Arthur’s internal and external conflicts with Launcelot similar to his conflicts with Modred? In what ways are they different?

Type your response here.

3. *Le Morte d’Arthur* is one of the most influential medieval romances. What characteristics of medieval romance appear in this work? Use google to research the characteristics of medieval romance.

Type your response here.

4. Which knight’s failure to exemplify the ideals of chivalry is greater, Launcelot’s or Gawain’? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

Type your response here.

5. One critic has suggested that when “confronted by a need to make a decision in a moment of crisis,” Arthur “invariably chooses the wrong course of action” because he is unable or unwilling to see the situation as it really is. Think about the various conflicts, both internal and external, that Arthur struggles with in the selection, and consider the important decisions he makes. Do you agree or disagree that he “invariably chooses the wrong course of action”? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.

Type your response here.

**Essay Directions:** Pick one of the 4 prompts below and respond to that prompt in a well-written SCR. Leave the prompt that you choose at the top of your response in the box. The other prompts you may delete so it will be clear whish prompt you chose to respond to. Write your response below the prompt in the box.

1. Should Arthur have forgiven Launcelot for his disloyalty? Why or why not? Can loyalty, once lost, ever be restored? Explain your response.

2. Re-examine the selections on pages 230–261 for examples of chivalric behavior, but look for more than just gallantry toward women. Find examples of knights displaying the other ideals of chivalry you’ve learned about: loyalty, modesty, faith, honor, bravery, and courtesy. Use these examples to write an essay persuading a contemporary audience—your peers, parents, and teachers—that chivalry is or is not an outmoded virtue in the 21st century. Can chivalry and our modern ideas about gender-equality co-exist, or does chivalry – by its very nature – create gender in-equality?

**Consider:**

 • which details from the selections will provide you with the best support for your argument

 • what language will best persuade your audience

 • how to organize your writing to prove your argument clearly and logically

 Don’t forget to indent and then type your response here.