

Video Questions

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***In Search of King Arthur*** from the A & E series *Ancient Mysteries*

All of the answers to these questions appear in order on the video except for #1-8 and #24-25, which are answered in several places on the video.

Name the following elements of the Arthur legends:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Sword with an enchanted scabbard
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Queen
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Magician / mentor
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Castle complex & idealized kingdom
5. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Love triangle (name three)

**Part I**

6. According to these scholars, can the question, “Was there really an Arthur?” be answered with a “yes” or a “no”?

7. Explain why or why not.

Number in chronological order (1 thru 5) the following versions of the legend of Arthur.

(Hint: As each version is mentioned in the film, note the date.)

- 8-9. \_\_\_\_\_ *Idylls of the King* by Alfred Lord Tennyson (date- \_\_\_\_\_ )
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Le Morte Darthur* by Sir Thomas Malory (date- \_\_\_\_\_ )
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stories of Arthur passed orally from generation to generation for centuries
- \_\_\_\_\_ A version with a love interest by Frenchman Chretien de Troye (date- \_\_\_\_\_ )
- \_\_\_\_\_ *A History of the Kings of Britain* by Geoffrey of Monmouth (date- \_\_\_\_\_ )

10-12. List at least three principles of a knight’s code of chivalry (ways a knight should behave or things a knight should do).

13. Why did Egruna (Arthur’s mother) mistakenly think his father was her husband (the duke of Cornwall) and not Uthor Pendragon (Arthur’s actual father)?

## **PART II**

14. How did Arthur acquire Excalibur?

15. Explain the significance of a ROUND table.

16. Whose version is considered the “definitive” version of the Arthur legends?

A - Tennyson's      B - Malory's      C - deTroye's      D – Geoffrey of Monmouth's

## **Part III**

17. What is a quest? (use dictionary if necessary)

18. Give two general examples of typical knightly quests.

19. What is a virtue? (define and give some examples)

20. Who was the knight who had enough virtue to find the Holy Grail?

## **Part IV**

21. Describe Gwynevere.

22. What's a *cuckold* in the strictest original sense of the word? How does it relate to Arthur?

## **Part V**

23. What became of Lancelot and Gwynevere? How did each spend the remainder of life?

24-25. List some of the elements of Camelot which make it appealing, which make it “one brief shining moment.”