

King Arthur

Reader

Answer Key



Page 51 – Activity 1

- 1 Merlin
- 2 Uther
- 3 Igraine

Page 51 – Activity 2

- 1 It was very noisy inside the castle. **It was very quiet inside the castle.**
- 2 The king was very ill.
- 3 People knew who the new king of Britain was. **People didn't know who the new king of Britain was.**
- 4 The queen wasn't worried about the king. **The queen was worried about the king.**
- 5 The king asked Merlin to fetch their son.

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- 1 c
- 2 d
- 3 a

Page 53 – Activity 5

A few weeks later, it **was** Christmas Day. All the knights and important people in the country **traveled** to the church. Kay and Arthur **came** with Sir Ector. "We're old enough to fight great battles with our father," they **said** as they **arrived** at the church on their fine horses.

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Reader's own answers

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- 1 All the knights and important people of the country.
- 2 They are standing near the stone by the church.
- 3 There is a sword in the stone.
- 4 Because it means they are the real king.
- 5 Nobody can pull the sword from the stone.

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Reader's own answers

Model answers

All the knights and important people of the country were standing by a stone with a sword in it.

Merlin told them that only the real king could pull the sword out.

The men tried one by one. Nobody could pull the sword out.

Other kings thought they could pull the sword out, but they could not.

Mordred tried but he could not move the sword.

Mordred was not the new king.

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- 1 c
- 2 a
- 3 b

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- 1 Who stood in front of the excited crowd?
- 2 What did Merlin announce?
- 3 Where did Merlin take Arthur as a baby?
- 4 What did the happy crowd do?
- 5 Who did Kay, Sir Ector, and Merlin see leaving quietly?

Page 56 – Activity 11

- 1 Britain's **enemies** were attacking the country.
- 2 Arthur built a new **castle**, called Camelot.
- 3 Arthur went to fight many battles with his **knights**.
- 4 Merlin and Kay stayed behind at the castle to **protect** it and the many people who lived there.
- 5 Arthur and his army helped their **allies**.
- 6 Arthur and his men could see the enemy's many black **helmets** from the hill.

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Reader's own answers

Model answers

- 1 I met her at the feast.
- 2 I fell in love immediately.
- 3 We got married in the spring.
- 4 The whole kingdom came to our wedding.

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- 1 **That night**, there was a big feast at King Leodegrance's castle.
- 2 **Here**, Arthur met Princess Guinevere, King Leodegrance's daughter.
- 3 He thought that she was the most beautiful woman in the land—and fell in love **immediately**.
- 4 **The next spring**, Arthur and Guinevere were married at Camelot.

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Reader's own answers

Model answers

- 1 Everyone is holding their swords in the air.
- 2 Anyone who was a friend of Arthur's could meet with him and his knights.
- 3 Someone who was a knight of the Round Table was equal to Arthur.
- 4 No-one at the Round Table was an enemy.

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- 1 The best **present** was a big round table made of beautiful wood.
- 2 "This is for you, your knights, and your **allies** to sit around."
- 3 "All these important people and I will sit in a circle, so we'll be **equal**."

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- 1 defeat
- 2 Saxons
- 3 kingdom
- 4 feast
- 5 tournament
- 6 duel
- 7 joust

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- 1 It was summer.
- 2 He wanted to plan a feast and a tournament.
- 3 He won every joust that he fought.
- 4 Lancelot of Brittany
- 5 He wanted to be one of Arthur's knights.
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Later, Arthur ¹**showed** Merlin his sword. "This ²**is** the sword that I ³**love**, and which I ⁴**took** from the stone. ⁵**Look**, Merlin, it's broken," he ⁶**said**, a little sadly.

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Reader's own answers

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- 1 Merlin told Arthur that the sword was his.
- 2 Merlin told Arthur that the sword was called Excalibur.
- 3 Arthur told Excalibur that it was the most beautiful sword in the world.
- 4 Arthur told the knights that Excalibur was his fine new sword.

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When Arthur reached the edge of the **lake** with the sword, the **wizard** told him, “This sword is **yours**, Arthur. It will stay with you always. It will **protect** you, and help you to protect the kingdom. It is called Excalibur.”

“Excalibur, you’re the most beautiful sword in the world,” Arthur whispered to his new **sword**.

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