

Arthur Becomes King of Britain
T.H. White

p. 1031-1036

Vocabulary: stickler(n), solar(n), purlieus(n), anvil(n), mead(n)

1. Contrast the pictures of Arthur found on pages 1030 and 1020. Which one appears more serious? Which one suggests a more playful quality? Explain.
2. Who is dead?
3. Was he a beloved king? Explain with one example.
4. How long did he live? Is this possible?
5. Pellinore says that the King had no “hair and next of skin.” What does he really mean? What is the tone suggested by the author, T.H. White?*
6. What is Wart’s position?
7. What has appeared near the Church?
8. Whom does Sir Grummore blame?
9. In your own words, explain the quote on the pommel of the sword.
10. What will happen on New Year’s Day?
11. What strong argument does Kay make about going to London?
12. What is Sir Ector's answer to Kay's request?
13. What is Merlin's reason for leaving?
14. How does Merlin leave while displaying his magical powers?
15. Why is it necessary for Merlin to leave young Arthur?*