

FIRST KNIGHT

1. Malagant destroyed a village loyal to Arthur to atone retribution and enforce his own power, claiming, “The land has been lawless long enough. Know now, I am the law.” What form of power (i.e. influence, coercion, authority) does Malagant display? Briefly explain.

2. What type of societal or political organization would Malagant enforce?

3. What form power (i.e. influence, coercion, authority) does Lady Guinevere (Marion) have? Briefly explain.

4. What does Lady Guinevere say, “Arthur wears his power so lightly” in comparison to Malagant)? Think about how Arthur wields his power, not just about the “gentleness” in his eyes.



5. How does it seem (from the way that Arthur, Lady Guinevere, and the group of knights that make up the Council of Camelot sit while watching the Gauntlet) that Camelot’s “governing” is delegated (egalitarian, monopolistic/absolutism, oligarchal)? Briefly explain.

6. Arthur explains that “The Round Table is where the Council of Camelot sit; no head, no foot, everyone equal, even the King”. What system(s) of social/political organization does this arrangement reflect? Briefly explain.

7. What is Camelot’s motto?

8. Malagant’s Treaty reflect Malagant’s desire to rule as the law. Malagant argues that Arthur has similar rule over Camelot. Do you feel that Arthur’s rule is similar to Malagant’s rule? Briefly explain.

9. Which of the three forms of power (influence, coercion, authority) does Arthur employ inside and outside of Camelot? Briefly explain each choice.

10. Arthur says that “There are laws that enslave men, and laws that set them free”. What does he mean?

11. Lancelot and Guinevere are charged with treason, to be heard in a public court, so that all know that “the law rules in Camelot”. Do you agree that law rules, or do you feel that Arthur rules? Briefly explain.

