

Reading Questions Section II of Legends of King Arthur (pg. 155 - 183)

Directions: Read these questions carefully **BEFORE** you read the section For each of the questions, mark and label in your book passages that pertain. Finally, list the passage page numbers on this answer sheet, along with any thoughts you have that might answer the question.

1. Tristram and Isoude are tragic lovers whose sad tale appears in many forms in both French and British literature. What elements of their tale did you find especially tragic and memorable?

2. How is Sir Gawain described by his fellow knights?

What does the story of his marriage to the loathly lady reveal about his character?

What does the end of his quest for the Holy Grail reveal about his character?

3. What was exceptional about Sir Perceval's beginnings as a knight? Did it hinder or help him? Explain.

What clues might Sir Perceval have noticed to avert his descent to perdition -- twice! Is there anything about his personality that might have predisposed him to those mistakes?

4. Describe Sir Launcelot's character (give the dominant 3 traits)

Compare (2 similar traits) and contrast (2 different traits) his character with that of his son, Sir Galahad.

5. What symbolism (look for at least 3 symbols) do you see in Launcelot's experience at the old chapel? (pages 181-3) Why is Launcelot unable to enter? to awaken?