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Honors English 12

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Period 8

King Arthur Stories- Discussion

1. What are the characteristics of medieval romance? What examples of these characteristics from "Sir Gawain" and "Le Morte" can you identify?
2. Why do people cling to stories or movies that are "idealistic"? What does the idealistic world look like today? How does it differ from the "realistic" world? If you could find an equivalent for King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table, who would they be?
3. What does it mean to be honorable? Is honor important in today's world? What are some rules that people try to abide by today? Does this mean we have a code of conduct?
4. Would you say that the forces that end Arthur's reign are the same forces that bring down governments in the real world? Support your answer with examples from local, national, or world history.
5. What is regret? Does regret have positive or negative qualities? Why? What role does regret play in "Le Morte d'Arthur"? What role does regret play in people's lives today?

You may/should respond to each question or another student's comments by using any of the following prompts:

I have a question about

I wondered

Why did

I agreed/disagreed with _____ because

This character makes me think of

This setting reminds me of

What would happen if

This is confusing because

Now I understand

At first I thought _____, but now I think _____.

The author seems to feel

This is ironic because

An interesting metaphor or symbol is

The detail seems effective/out of place/important because

An interesting word/phrase/thought is

I noticed/appreciate/don't appreciate/wonder about

The author emphasizes_____ in order to