

English II: *The Sword in the Stone* Essay Questions

Answer the following questions with 3-4 sentences each.

1. Merlyn tells Arthur that the best thing to do when sad is to learn something. Education is the only thing that will never betray you in life and the only thing that people can never take away from you. Do you agree? Explain.
2. Arthur will be a different kind of leader than those who came before him. What will be different about him and the kingdom he will create? Explain.
3. At the end of *The Sword in the Stone* Merlyn reveals that he arranged the Wart's childhood living situation: living as a foster child in Sir Ector's household. Why did he allow the Wart to grow up thinking he was a "nobody" instead of the heir to the throne?
4. Is war a "necessary evil"? Is it possible to have a world without war? Explain.
5. What important lesson does Merlyn teach the Wart about power and "Might makes Right"?
6. What is an important lesson that the Wart learned from the animal kingdom? Explain.
7. Which character from *The Sword in the Stone* is your favorite? Explain.