

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Watch a version of the Sword in the Stone.

- Watch this clip from a film version of Sword in the Stone.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7KgapQyOnE>
- Which parts of this version were as you expected? What was different? What would you do differently if you were making a film of the story?

2. Write a paragraph

- Read through *Story Paragraphs*.
- Choose your favourite part of the story. Cut out the sentences for this part.
- Improve the sentences. Add descriptive words to them. You could make the sentences longer. Add new sentences too about the character's feelings.
- Put all your sentences in order and write them out carefully.

Well done! Read your paragraph to a grown-up. Explain to them the parts that you are most pleased about.

2. Make a story summary

- Use words and pictures to make a *Story Summary* of the whole story.
- Use your summary to practise telling the story out loud.

Try this Fun-Time Extra

- Record your telling of the story and share it with somebody else.

Sword in the Stone – Paragraphs

Paragraph 1

1. This legend starts with Uther Pendragon, king of Southern Britain.
2. At that time there was a lot of fighting.
3. In Uther’s kingdom there was peace.

Paragraph 2

4. Merlin was a magician who could change himself into an animal or bird.
5. One day he went to the king and told him he would have a son. He would be a great man.
6. “In two years you will be dead. If anyone knows about your son the child will be killed in the struggle for the throne. When he is born you must give him to me to hide,” said Merlin.
7. When Arthur was born Merlin took the child and gave him to Sir Ector and his son Kay to look after. He did not tell them who Arthur really was.

Paragraph 3

8. Everything happened as Merlin said. Soon the knights were fighting about who would become king.
9. When Arthur was about 16 years old Merlin went to see the Archbishop of London and told him the true born king of England would soon be found.
10. While some knights were in the cathedral a crash was heard. When they went outside they saw a stone. In the stone was a sword and on the stone it said:

WHOEVER PULLS THE SWORD FROM THE STONE
WILL BE THE RIGHTFUL KING OF ALL BRITAIN
11. Each knight tried to pull the sword from the stone. It was stuck.
12. The archbishop called all the knights in Britain to a tournament on New Year’s Day. They were going to try and pull the sword from the stone.

Paragraph 4

13. Sir Ector and Kay were on the way to the tournament when Kay remembered he had left his sword at the inn.

14. He told Arthur, who was now his squire, to get it.

15. The inn was locked but Arthur saw the sword in the stone.

“I’ll take that sword,” he said and pulled it out and then gave it to Kay.

16. “Where did that sword come from?” said Sir Ector and Arthur explained what had happened.

17. “You are my king,” said Sir Ector to Arthur. Arthur did not understand so Sir Ector told him all about Merlin.

Paragraph 5

18. The other knights did not believe that Arthur was king. Merlin put the sword back in the stone.

19. All the knights tried again but were still unable to move the sword.

20. Arthur pulled it out easily.

21. Everybody knew that Arthur was the rightful king, son of Uther Pendragon.

Story Summary

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