

Discovering King Arthur Pretest

Read each statement below carefully. Please answer honestly, identifying prior knowledge and skill you already possess, so you can determine whether this unit is a good fit for you. If you have never practiced this knowledge or skill before, please rate it with a 1. If you answer 80 percent or more of the questions with a 3, 4, or a correct answer, you may not need this unit. Please note: Gifted students are not expected to have completed these tasks nor possess these skills. The pretest should be difficult!

Rate statements 1-4 using the following scale:

1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Agree, 4=Strongly Agree.

1. I am a good reader who can read novels above my grade level.
2. I have read *The Once and Future King* by T.H. White, have discussed it in depth, and have written about it in essay or journal form.
3. I am a careful, active reader who annotates while reading.
4. I am a thoughtful reader who poses analytical and evaluative questions that dissect, compare, examine cause and effect, speculate, judge quality or worth, evaluate ethics, and/or exhibit empathy.
5. I am comfortable discussing challenging topics related to history, the arts, and literature.
6. I can define and describe the specific aspects of medieval chivalry, heroism, feudal life, daily life, castles, knighthood, the quest, women's lives, the status of knowledge, and the feudal system.
7. I have completed a variety of projects researching medieval chivalry, heroism, feudal life, daily life, castles, knighthood, the quest, women's lives, the status of knowledge, and the feudal system.
8. I have written a literary essay that defines or compares characters and plot events in a novel.