

Kid Scoop

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Excalibur

In legends about King Arthur, he has a magical sword called *Excalibur*. What was its magic?

Legends describe Excalibur as a sword with a magic unbreakable blade, fashioned by an elf swordsmith. It has a **scabbard** that would protect the person wearing it from all harm.

scabbard (skab-ard) noun: a covering or holder for a sword, usually made of leather or metal.

What did Excalibur look like?

Because Excalibur is a sword of legend, it can look any way you wish. Decorate and color this big sword to look the way you think Excalibur could look.

Knights of The Round Table

Replace the missing words.

LIVES FAITHFUL ROUND SEATED HONOR TRUTH

To be a knight at King Arthur's Round Table was the greatest _____ and it wasn't easy to earn. The knights had to vow to live pure _____, to speak the _____, to fight for the right, and to be _____ to the King.

Many knights came to serve King Arthur and they all wanted to be _____ at the "head" of the table. King Arthur had a _____ table built

for his knights to stop their quarreling.



How many crowns can you find on this page?

Extra! Extra! Good Knight

Can you find a person in the newspaper who could qualify to be a Knight of the Round Table?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

The King Who Had Two Swords

According to the legend, Arthur became King when he was able to pull a sword from a stone when no one else could, even older and stronger knights.

This was Arthur's first sword, but it was **not** Excalibur.

The sword from the stone was broken in a battle Arthur had with a knight named Pellinore.

Arthur's friend, the magician Merlin, took him to a magical lake where the mysterious Lady of the Lake, Vivien, gave Excalibur to Arthur.

Can you find the two identical swords?

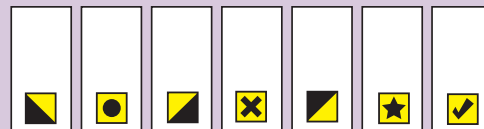
The wind took Merlin's hat! Can you help?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

A Legendary Kingdom

The tales of King Arthur's kingdom have been told through the centuries. Many books, movies and even musicals have been written about the adventures of King Arthur, Merlin and the Knights of the Round Table.

Use the code to discover the name King Arthur gave to his kingdom.



= A = E = M = S
 = C = L = O = T

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

EXCALIBUR SCABBARD KNIGHTS ARTHUR LEGEND MERLIN MAGIC SWORD TABLE BLADE ROUND KING HARM LAKE VOW

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

C	A	R	M	A	R	T	H	U	R
E	S	O	G	S	U	L	O	T	A
N	C	U	D	N	B	L	A	K	E
N	A	N	K	N	I	G	H	T	S
I	B	D	K	T	L	K	V	O	W
L	B	L	H	M	A	G	I	C	O
R	A	A	A	I	C	B	N	G	R
E	R	A	R	D	X	T	L	H	D
M	D	N	E	G	E	L	U	E	R

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Magic Headlines

Abracadabra! You can be a magician by changing a factual headline into an opinion statement. Can you find a headline that expresses an opinion? Change it into a factual headline.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Know the difference between fact and opinion.

Write On!

Turkey for a National Bird?

Do you think the turkey would be a better national bird than the eagle? Why or why not?

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