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The Legends of King Arthur

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Vocabulary List

cavern | a large cave or chamber in a cave

debris | scattered pieces of rubbish or remains

druids | (in ancient times) a philosopher, teacher, counsellor and magician

mortal | a human who is capable of dying

rune | small stones with an ancient, magic alphabet carved onto them that are cast to predict the future and answer questions

Saxons | a group of people that inhabited parts of central and northern Germany from Roman times, many of whom conquered and settled in much of southern England in the 5th-6th centuries
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Write numbers **1 to 10** in the boxes to order the events.

- When the king has the lake drained, two fire-breathing dragons emerge and battle each other in the sky. The red dragon is victorious and the white dragon is killed.

- King Vortigern thinks Merlin’s blood has the power and strength to make his tower stand, but Merlin tells him that there are dragons trapped under the ground.

- Merlin has a nightmare and talks of dragons in his sleep. He later has another vision of fire burning through the land.

- Merlin travels with the knights to King Vortigern’s castle.

- Merlin eats with some of the king’s slaves, who keep attempting to build a tower for the King but rumblings from the ground keep causing it to collapse.

- King Vortigern’s men come to the village in search of Merlin. A hooded man takes him away on his horse.

- Merlin tries to run away from the king’s men but gets caught.

- The hooded man declares that Merlin will go to Avalon, to learn from the druids.

- Merlin explains to the King that the white dragon represents his enemies and that they will eventually win the war against them.

- Merlin tells the King that a boy called Arthur Pendragon is destined to become the next King of Britons and he will win the war against the Saxons.

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Create a comic strip using speech bubbles to retell the story!
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Reading Comprehension Sheet

1. What powers does Merlin have?
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2. What did the knight give Merlin to eat at the campfire?
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3. What confused Merlin when he tried to run away from the camp?
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4. Why did Merlin wish he was a knight?
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5. What does King Vortigern think will keep his tower standing?
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6. How many days did it take to drain the lake?
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7. Why did Merlin feel sad about the white dragon dying?
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8. Why does the hooded man, Magan, want Merlin to come to Avalon?
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9. According to Merlin, what do the dragons represent?
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10. According to Merlin, who will defeat the Saxons?
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Write a diary entry as if you are Merlin describing your day.

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