

THE LEGENDS OF KING ARTHUR

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This activity pack belongs to:

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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 and 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 will win the war against the Saxons.

Score: / 10

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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? _____ []
2. What did the knight give Merlin to eat at the campfire? _____ []
3. What confused Merlin when he tried to run away from the camp? _____ []
4. Why did Merlin wish he was a knight? _____ []
5. What does King Vortigern think will keep his tower standing? _____ []
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? _____ []
8. Why does the hooded man, Magan, want Merlin to come to Avalon? _____ []
9. According to Merlin, what do the dragons represent? _____ []
10. According to Merlin, who will defeat the Saxons? _____ []

Score: /10

