

Worksheet 3

King Arthur

A different genre: blank verse

Directions

1. Look at the graphics that depict the following events in the legend of King Arthur.

The young Arthur pulling the sword from the stone.

Lancelot's dramatic rescue of Queen Guinevere.

Sir Mordred's uprising against Arthur.

Merlin's capture by the witch, Vivienne.

Arthur's last instructions to Lancelot.

Arthur's final journey.

2. Select one of these events and in no more than two sentences describe the event.

3. Re-work your sentences, changing or re-arranging your words to show the drama of the event.

4. Finally write the work as blank verse.

Use this model to help.

First sentences.

Knowing he was mortally wounded, Arthur ordered Lancelot to take his sword, Excalibur and throw it into the sea. Lancelot did as he was asked but before it sank into the water a hand reached out and took it.

Re-working of sentences to make them stronger.

~~Knowing he was~~ Mortally wounded, Arthur ~~ordered~~ bade Lancelot to take his sword, ~~Excalibur~~, and throw it into the sea. Lancelot obeyed his King ~~But~~ before it ~~before it~~ ~~sank into~~ met the water a hand reached out and ~~took it~~ drew Excalibur into the depths.

Re-writing as Blank Verse.

Arthur's Last Command.

Arthur, mortally wounded
Bade Lancelot take his sword,
Excalibur,

And throw it into the sea.

With heavy heart Lancelot obeyed his King.

Grasping the glorious weapon he
Threw it towards the gleaming brine
Where a hand reached out and
Drew it into the depths.

