

PB Vocab #3

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Directions. Scan the definitions in Column A. Then think about how the boldface words are used in the sentences in Column B. To complete the exercise, match each definition in Column A with the correct vocabulary word in Column B. Write the letter of your choice on the line provided; then write the vocabulary word on the line preceding the definition.

COLUMN A

_____ 11. word: _____

n. bravery; daring; strength; unusual skill or ability

_____ 12. word: _____

adj. deserving respect because of age, dignity, or character; honored above others; worthy of reverence

_____ 13. word: _____

adj. belonging to the Middle Ages; characteristic of the Middle Ages; gothic

_____ 14. word: _____

adj. of or passed down by inheritance from an ancestor; transmitted from parent to child

_____ 15. word: _____

n. friendship; peaceful relations, as between countries

_____ 16. word: _____

n. a liquid with special powers, especially one used as poison, medicine, or magic

_____ 17. word: _____

adj. deeply religious; sincere; earnest; heartfelt

_____ 18. word: _____

n. a medieval code of knighthood; a code of honor and courtesy

_____ 19. word: _____

n. a ruler; king; queen; emperor;
adj. highest in power or rank

_____ 20. word: _____

n. a hunt or search; a journey in search of;
v. seek

COLUMN B

- (A) Even though Arthur was able to pull the sword *Excalibur* from the stone, many nobles at first refused to accept him as their **sovereign**. However, he was eventually crowned king.
- (B) King Arthur chose a round table in order to promote **amity**. He did not want the knights fighting over who had the place of honor at the head of the table.
- (C) Morgan le Fay, Arthur's sister, has magic powers. In some versions of the tales, she uses her spells and **potions** for good, but in other versions her charms are spoken and her liquids brewed primarily for evil.
- (D) Merlin was a mighty magician whose **proWess** with magic was known far and wide; few others possessed his skill.
- (E) When Lancelot goes on a **quest** for the Holy Grail, he discovers that it is not his destiny to find it.
- (F) No tale in all of **medieval** literature is sadder than that of the Lily Maid of Astolat who dies for the love of Sir Lancelot. In the Middle Ages, few stories had happy endings.
- (G) Princess Elaine's beauty and Sir Lancelot's courage prove to be **hereditary**: Galahad inherits his mother's looks and his father's bravery.
- (H) Sir Galahad, perhaps the most faithful and **devout** knight in Camelot, was also the purest of heart.
- (I) The code of **chivalry** required that Sir Gawain accept the challenge of the Green Knight, but it took exceptional courage to fight a being who could carry his head in his hands!
- (J) When the wounded Arthur left Camelot, he ordered the **venerable** Sir Bedivere to throw Excalibur, the magic weapon that had served him so well, into the lake.

Refer to #1-10 for further use in context!

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Carefully read each sentence, paying close attention to the context, structure, and sound of the underlined word.

1.

amity

According to legend, the residents of Camelot lived for many years in peace and amity. Eventually, however, that harmony was destroyed by bitterness and anger.

2.

chivalry

According to legend, King Arthur's knights lived by the code of chivalry. They were always brave and courteous, and they were quick to follow their duty.

3.

devout

A knight of the Round Table was expected to be a devout Christian and to fulfill his duties to the Church.

4.

hereditary

Although Arthur had the hereditary right to succeed his father on the throne, he proved himself worthy of the position, and so became king by accomplishment as well as by birth.

5.

medieval

The stories of the Round Table and the brotherhood of knights in Camelot became very popular in the late Middle Ages. In fact, these stories may be the most popular of all the tales of the medieval period.

6.

potion

The Arthurian legends are adventure tales, but they are also stories of magic—of spells that allow a person to change shape and potions that, once drunk, ensure undying love.

7.

proWess

A knight of the Round Table was expected to show his proWess in battle. He had to be especially skilled at fighting with a lance on horseback.

8.

quest

The knights of the Round Table go on a quest for the Holy Grail. After much searching, Sir Galahad is successful in finding it.

9.

sovereign

The historical figure on whom the legendary King Arthur is based was probably not a sovereign. Instead, he was a local ruler who became a king only in legend.

10.

venerable

Perhaps the most famous magician in all of literature is the venerable Merlin, a major figure in the legends of King Arthur. Surprisingly, the honorable old magician makes some foolish mistakes in several versions of the tales.