

Sir Gawain Synthesis Essay

You have been asked to write an argumentative essay for your school's blog in which you argue for or against the modern relevancy of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. Use information from both Raffel's translation of the poem itself and the BBC documentary in your essay.

Manage your time carefully so that you can

- review your copy of the poem,
- review your notes from the documentary,
- plan your response,
- write your response, and
- revise and edit your response.

Be sure to

- include a claim,
- address counterclaims,
- use evidence from multiple sources, and
- avoid overly relying on one source.

Your response should be in the form of a multi-paragraph essay. Write your response on multiple sheets of your own notebook paper. Parenthetically cite evidence from the poem with (Raffel) and evidence from the documentary with (BBC).

When you've finished your essay, highlight the following:

- *COLOR 1* – your claim
- *COLOR 2* – counterclaims
- *COLOR 3* – cited evidence from the poem
- *COLOR 4* – cited evidence from the documentary